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BATTLESHIP BISMARCK IS HIT TWICE BY R.A.F. TORPEDOES Grim Chase To Avenge The Hood Continues

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—It is officially announced by the Admiralty that torpedo-bombing craft of the Fleet Air Arm, which have been scouring the North Atlantic seas for the German battleship Bismarck, sighted the warship to-day and attacked her, scoring two direct hits with torpedoes.

The first Admiralty announcement stated that the chase of the Bismarck, the battleship which had sunk H.M.S. Hood in a North Atlantic sea, has been hotly pursued.

"This evening, torpedo bombers of the Fleet Air Arm scored a hit with a torpedo on the Bismarck. The hunt is continuing."

Later came another Admiralty communiqué which stated that the torpedo bombers had scored a second hit with a torpedo on the Nazi battleship and that the "hunt continues."

R. A. F. HITS BACK HARD AT CRETE

Accomplishes Grand Work

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—Renewed intervention of British aircraft in the Crete fighting is revealed in to-day's British R.A.F. communiqué.

"Heavy attacks by bomber and fighter aircraft of the R.A.F. were carried out yesterday and throughout the previous night on enemy positions and aircraft in Crete, particularly successful results being obtained."

"At least 24 enemy aircraft of all types were destroyed and a number of others were badly damaged."

"The aerodrome at Melentini and adjacent fields, which were being used as landing grounds for gliders and troop-carriers, were the principal targets. Bombs fell amongst large concentrations of Ju-52 troop-carriers, causing great destruction and damage. One troop-carrier was hit while landing. Another was set on fire while taxi-ing."

"Fighters set fire to several other enemy aircraft. One transport carrier was shot down into Suda Bay. Photographs taken during the raids confirm that severe damage has been done to enemy aircraft."

Latest Communiqué

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—The Crete situation is much the same with very severe fighting in the Maleme area, where the Germans have landed more men in the last 24 hours.

"It is very difficult to see how it is developing. It is difficult to say how the landings compare with the previous two days, but the enemy has undoubtedly suffered very severe losses of aircraft, while others will soon need overhauling."

"The tide of battle still sways to and fro in the area between Canca and Maleme and around Melentini."

In these words well-informed military circles summed up the latest Crete position.

Civil Defence Costs

London, May 26 (Reuter).—The Select Committee's report on national expenditure states that civil defence, including A.R.P. shelters, amounted to £89,000,000 for the financial year ending March 31, 1941.

Passionate Plea By Menzies

Calls For Absolute Unity Of Purpose

SYDNEY, May 26 (Reuter).—Appealing for unity in Australian politics, Prime Minister Mr Menzies, who has just returned from England and the United States said, "I don't care whether I remain leader, but whoever is leader must be supported by unity of purpose in action and the spirit of the people."

He hoped that his warm personal friendship with the Labour Party leader Mr Curtin might prove a symbol of ultimate all-round co-operation of all Parties.

"Parliament must be an instrument of war not of dissension. I was astonished to return from the magnificent unity in England to find Labour members of the War Council in Australia still without executive powers. We must have co-operation of all Parties to face this supreme

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British Press Slowly Forward In Iraq

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—A British R.A.F. communiqué reports activity in Iraq. It states: "A large number of sorties were made yesterday against military objectives in Ramadi and R.A.F. aerodrome at Habbaniyah, but there were no service casualties."

"The aerodrome at Mosul was bombed and a number of aircraft which were machine-gunned on the ground were severely damaged."

"The action is understood to be taken by the British authorities in consequence of French action requiring British Consular officers in Syria to leave their posts on or before the same date."

"At Baquba, German aircraft on the ground were bombed and machine-gunned, two being set on fire."

Malaya A Guarantee Of Peace

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The High Command of the British Imperial forces look upon the Malayan garrison as the best insurance of peace in the Far East, declared Major-General A. E. Percival, General Officer Commanding, Malaya, in an interview to-day.

General Percival disclosed that the garrison stretches from the northern frontier of Malaya to Borneo and explained that the aerodromes which extended to the frontiers of China must be protected by land forces.

The past policy, he added, of having a large number of aerodromes has proved a wise one. This further increased the manifold difficulties of establishing hostile air superiority which, in any case, was difficult of achievement owing to the distances involved.

Mr Cross Welcome To Australians

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—Mr S. M. Bruce, Australian High Commissioner, speaking at a luncheon in London to-day, welcomed the appointment of Mr Ronald Cross as United Kingdom High Commissioner to Australia and referred to the close and successful co-operation now possible between Britain and the Dominion Governments.

Mr Ronald Cross paid tribute to the fighting qualities of the Australians.

War Weapons Week

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The total amount raised during the London "War Weapons Week" is officially announced as £120,410,000, which is an average per head of the population of £2.1.

Present Food Situation In Europe is Analysed

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The Department of Agriculture announced to-day that despite shortages in some essential commodities, food supplies in continental Europe were sufficient to maintain the current rationing systems and to prevent serious distress.

Regarding Germany, the announcement stated: "The food problem is not likely in the near future to become critical. War has not yet interfered with agricultural production, due to vast reserves which were accumulated before the war, and also as a result of requisitioning from conquered countries."

The situation in Italy is less favourable because of the army demands and because reserves are less.

De Valera's "No" To Conscription

Special to the "Telegraph"

DUBLIN, May 26 (UP).—In a statement before the Dail, the Premier, Mr Eamon de Valera repudiated the right of Britain to impose conscription on North Ireland. He emphasised that Ireland had pledged itself years before the war began that it would not permit its territory to be used as a base for any enemy attack on Britain. The forces of Ireland are organised to maintain neutrality and are a guarantee that Ireland means to keep her pledge.

He declared that he had called the Dail together in order to make clear representations, not to appear to come from one man or Government or from any party or state, but from all parties of the entire Irish people.

Mr De Valera said that there could be no more grievous attack on the fundamentals of human rights than by forcing an individual to fight for a country to which he objected belonging.

He recalled that he had already once opposed conscription before the war when the proposal to include Ulster was made. Onlookers in the Dail included Sir John Maffey, the United Kingdom representative to Eire.

Conferences

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—Sir Basil Brooke, Ulster Minister of Commerce, who had planned to leave for Ulster this evening has postponed his trip until to-morrow presumably in order to discuss the De Valera statement with members of the British Cabinet.

Mr J. M. Andrews, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland and other members of the Ulster delegation which conferred here regarding conscription left for Ulster last Sunday.

LATEST

LIFE IN TOBRUK

Beer Store Hit By A Bomb

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—An interesting picture of life in Tobruk is given by one who recently returned from that besieged fortress.

He says that despite frequent bombings there are many habitable buildings there. Only troops and no civilians are to be seen. There is plenty of food and beer and the troops enjoy swimming.

The most dangerous spots are at the edge of the perimeter and in Tobruk itself where the Germans come bombing and machine-gunning at lunch times and in the evenings.

Vehicles and planes are widely scattered to avoid bombing but they are little molested.

"There was a tragic moment when a beer store was hit by a bomb but not much damage was done and there were scores of willing volunteers for salvage work."

China Week Campaign

Wu Teh-chen's Thanks

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, May 26 (UP).—The Secretary-General of the Kuomintang, General Wu Teh-chen, in a radio speech to America at 9.30 p.m. to-night, expressed thanks for America's China Week campaign, saying: "I need not tell you how much we Chinese appreciate the encouragement and sympathy which the American people, under the brilliant leadership of President Roosevelt, have given us from the very start of our struggle."

"Indeed, every bit of moral encouragement you have given us has strengthened our will to victory; every cent the American people have contributed toward our cause has served to bring that victory one step nearer."

"The United States on many historical occasions has been called upon to defend the cause of liberty, justice and freedom. To-day, it is only natural that we should look towards America when that very cause is once again threatened."

Posthumous Promotion

TOKYO, May 26 (Domei).—Colonel Masaru Ueda, who was killed in action in the Shantou-Honan campaign on May 13, and Colonel Mikio Kohno who died in a field hospital at Tsingtao on May 10, have been posthumously promoted to Major-Generals. It was announced by the War Office to-day.

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WHITEAWAY'S

France Repudiates Democracy: Laval's Nauseating Speech: To Work with Hitler

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—Making his first speech to-day since his dismissal by Marshal Petain last December, M. Laval, in a broadcast said: "We owe our failure to democracy. We do not want to fight for it. France cannot go back."

"She must fulfil two tasks with the Great Powers of Europe, secure peace first and then overcome unemployment and poverty."

"Those are assurances which my personal experience can give America. Is America trying to paralyse us on the way to national resurrection?"

"We need some of your riches as you need some of ours, but remember that France can only fulfil this exchange between the New World and the New Europe if she can collaborate totally with Germany. I know that that may astonish you, but it is indispensable to France."

The German radio quoted M. Laval as saying that since the United States did not help France during the war she was partially to be blamed for the collapse of France.

Another Warning

M. Laval now pictured the United States as entangling plans against the unity of the French Empire. He warned the United States against sharing the same fate as France by blindly going into the war.

The German radio credits M. Laval with the statement that not for single moment and not by any gesture had the Germans taken up an attitude that might have wounded French pride.

For France, it was simply a case of accepting the hand of the Fuehrer in a unique gesture of suffering the fate of being divided up.

Hitler's Hand

M. Laval, who was speaking on the Paris Radio, added: "The United States have been willing for France to be annihilated or torn to pieces by enjoining her to refuse the hand that Chancellor Hitler held out to her in a gesture that is without precedent in history."

"This war—perhaps on the other side of the ocean you do not fully realise it—is not a war like other wars. It is a revolution out of which we will rise rejuvenated, re-organised and prosperous."

Trade Follows Nippon Army

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, May 26 (Domei).—Japanese department stores will be opened in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, and Hanoi or Saigon in French Indo-China, according to a plan discussed at the annual meeting of the Japan Department Stores Association held in Tokyo to-day.

In addition to department stores, the Association also discussed plans for opening "wholesale stores" in Thailand and French Indo-China for the benefit of both native and Japanese retailers in those countries.

The Mitsukoshi, the Shirokiya and other big department stores will send their representatives to Thailand and French Indo-China as well as other South Sea countries to inquire into the possibilities of opening new markets for Japanese goods.

Politics In Kenya Killing

NAIROBI, May 26 (Reuter).—The trial of Sir Delves Broughton on a charge of murdering Lord Errol opened to-day before the Chief Justice of Kenya.

Lord Errol was found shot dead in a car outside Nairobi on January 24. Towards the end of to-day's hearing, a Police witness said that he had found Fascist literature in Lord Errol's house and a card dated 1934 showing membership of the British Fascist Union.

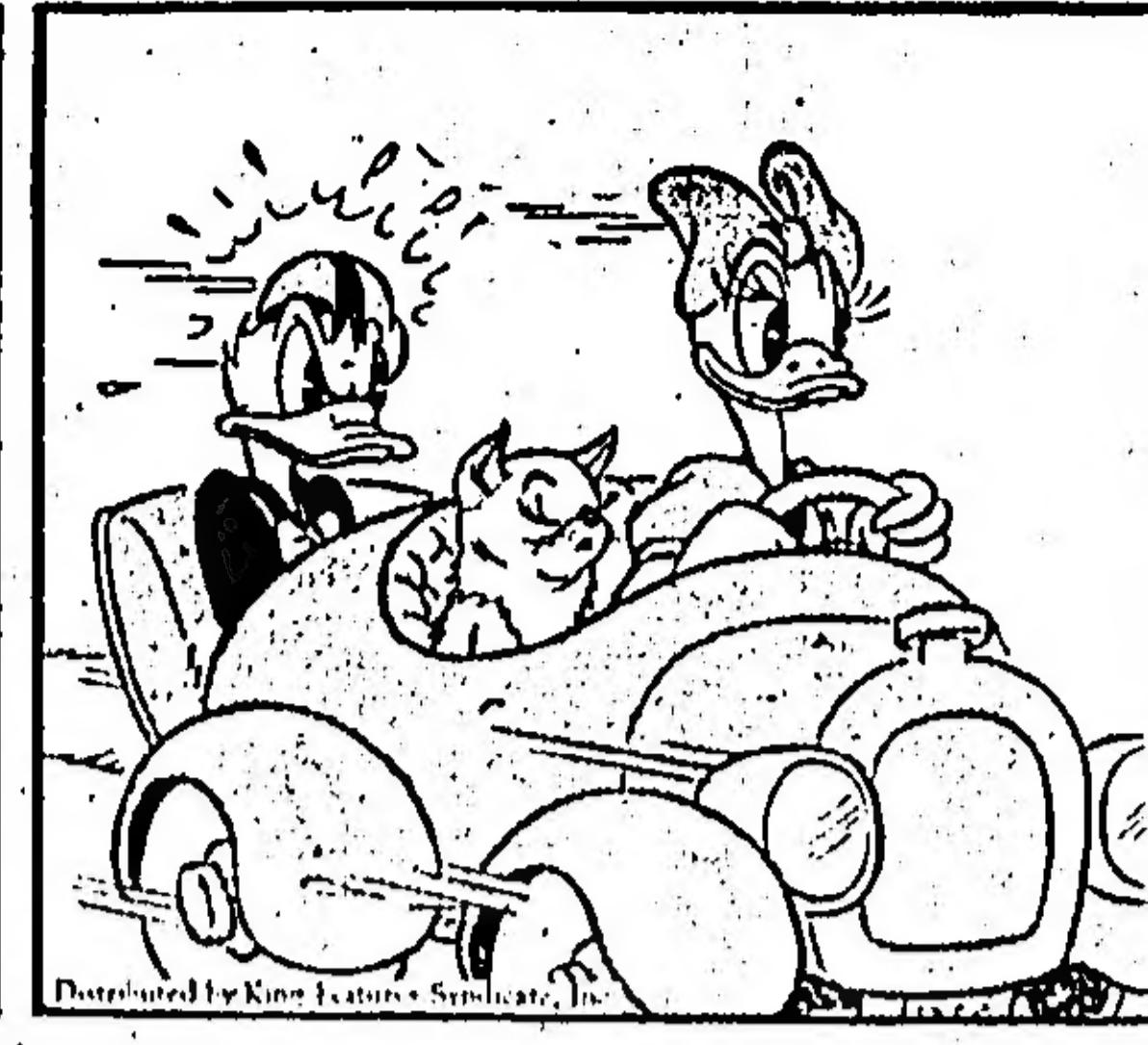
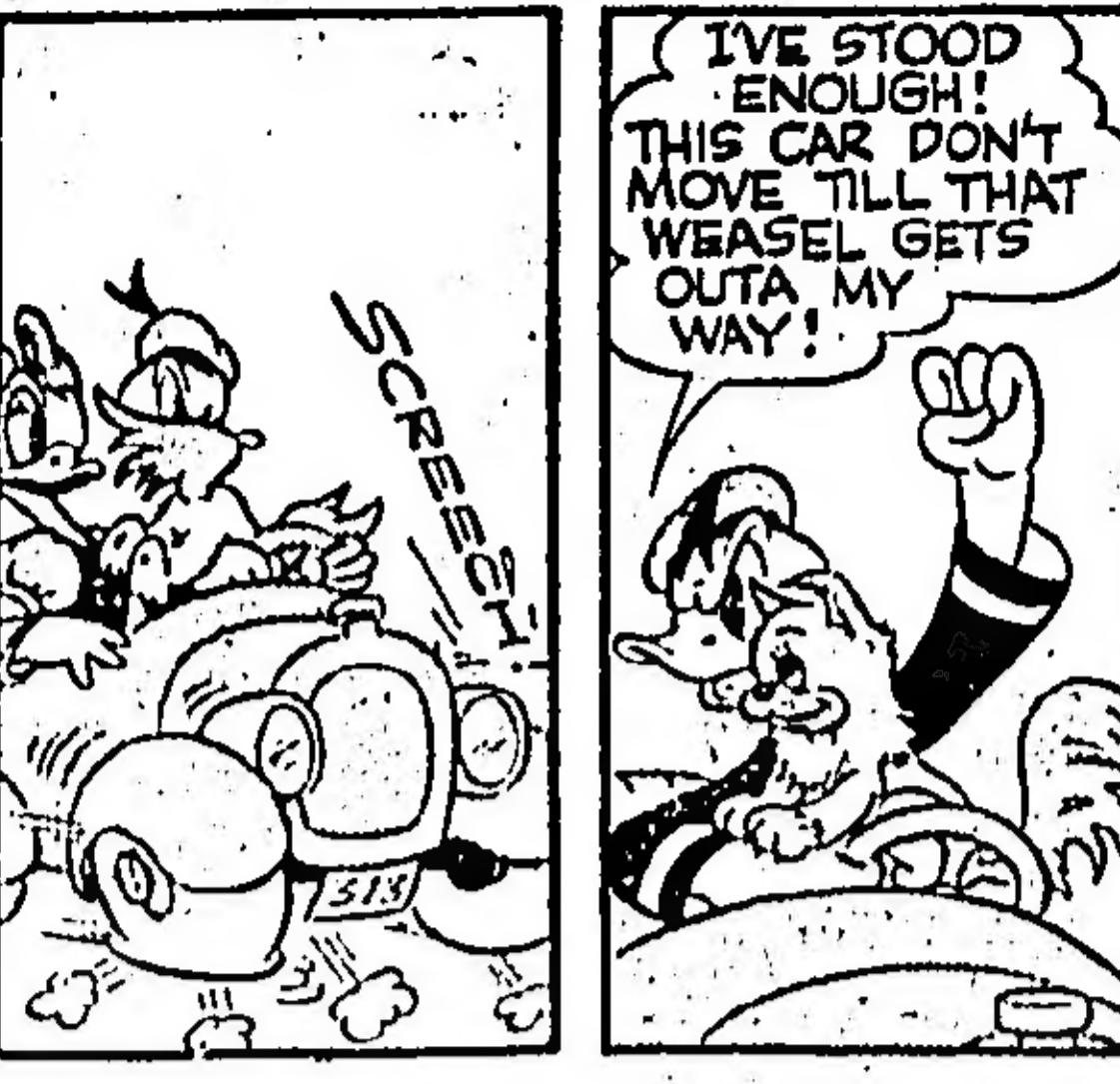
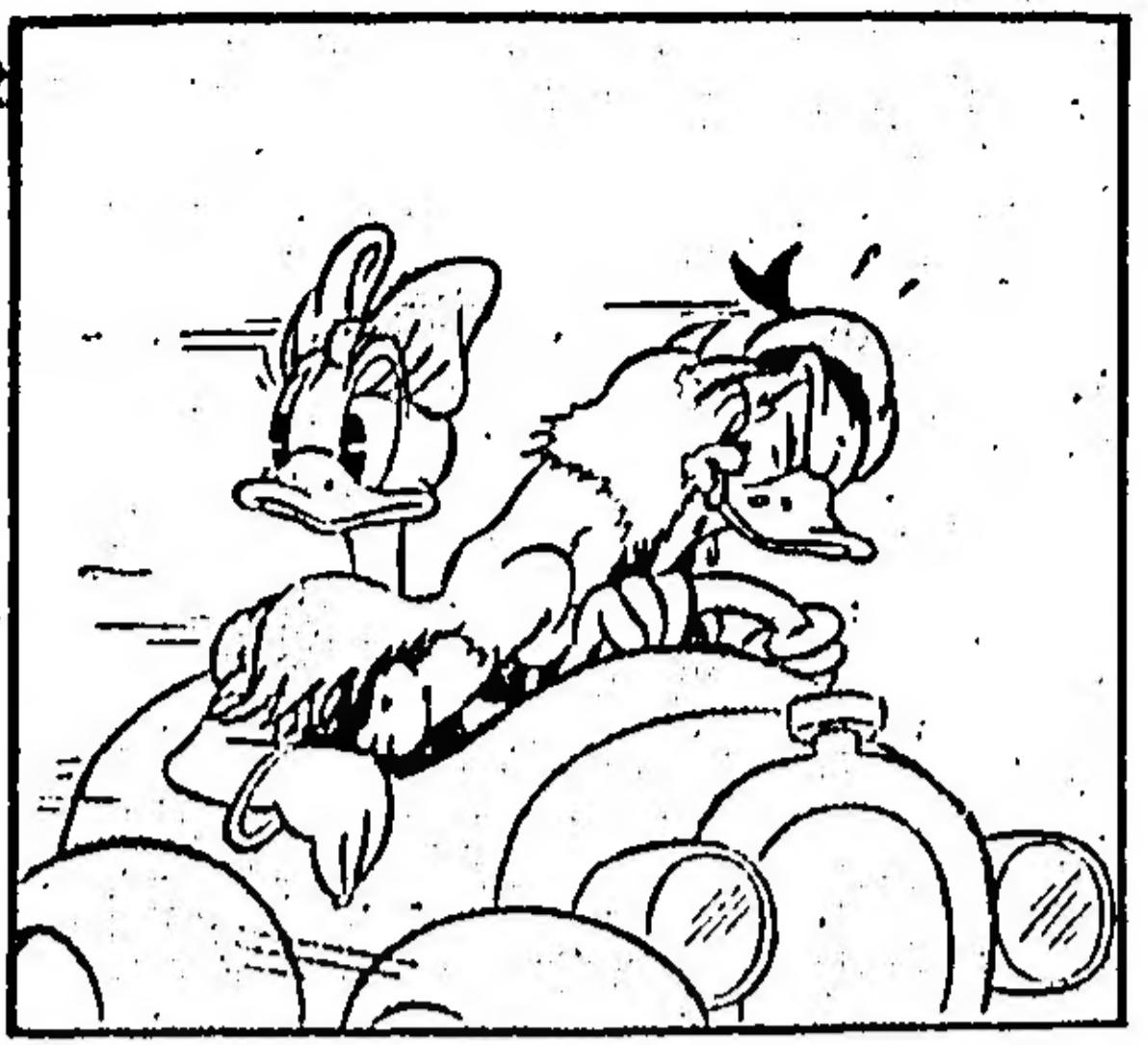
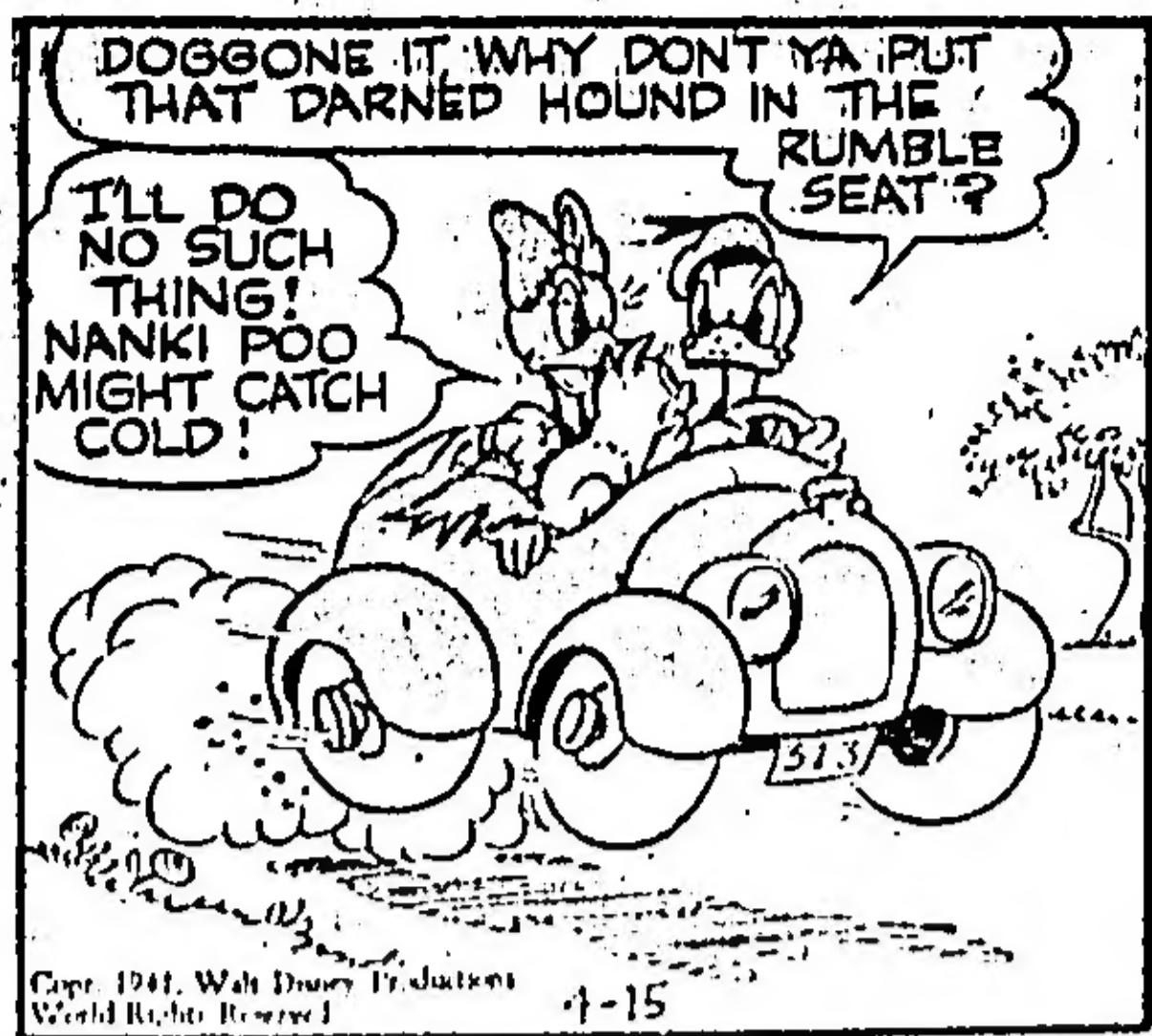
Mr Roosevelt Revising His Momentous Speech

WASHINGTON, May 26 (Reuter).—In the light of rapidly changing conditions abroad, President Roosevelt is revising the speech which he will deliver to-morrow, said the President's Private Secretary, Mr Stephen Early, at White House to-day.

When President Roosevelt's address was originally scheduled a fortnight ago, Mr. Early warned reporters not to build it up as extremely important. To-day, however, he said: "I can tell you that the President will be engaged through the day into the night and most of to-morrow in revising his speech in the light of the rapidly changing conditions abroad. Don't ask me to go into details because I cannot. You will get them when you get the speech."

Mr Early added that he would not be surprised if reporters were querying him about other Berlin incidents before Mr Roosevelt takes

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Crossword Puzzle

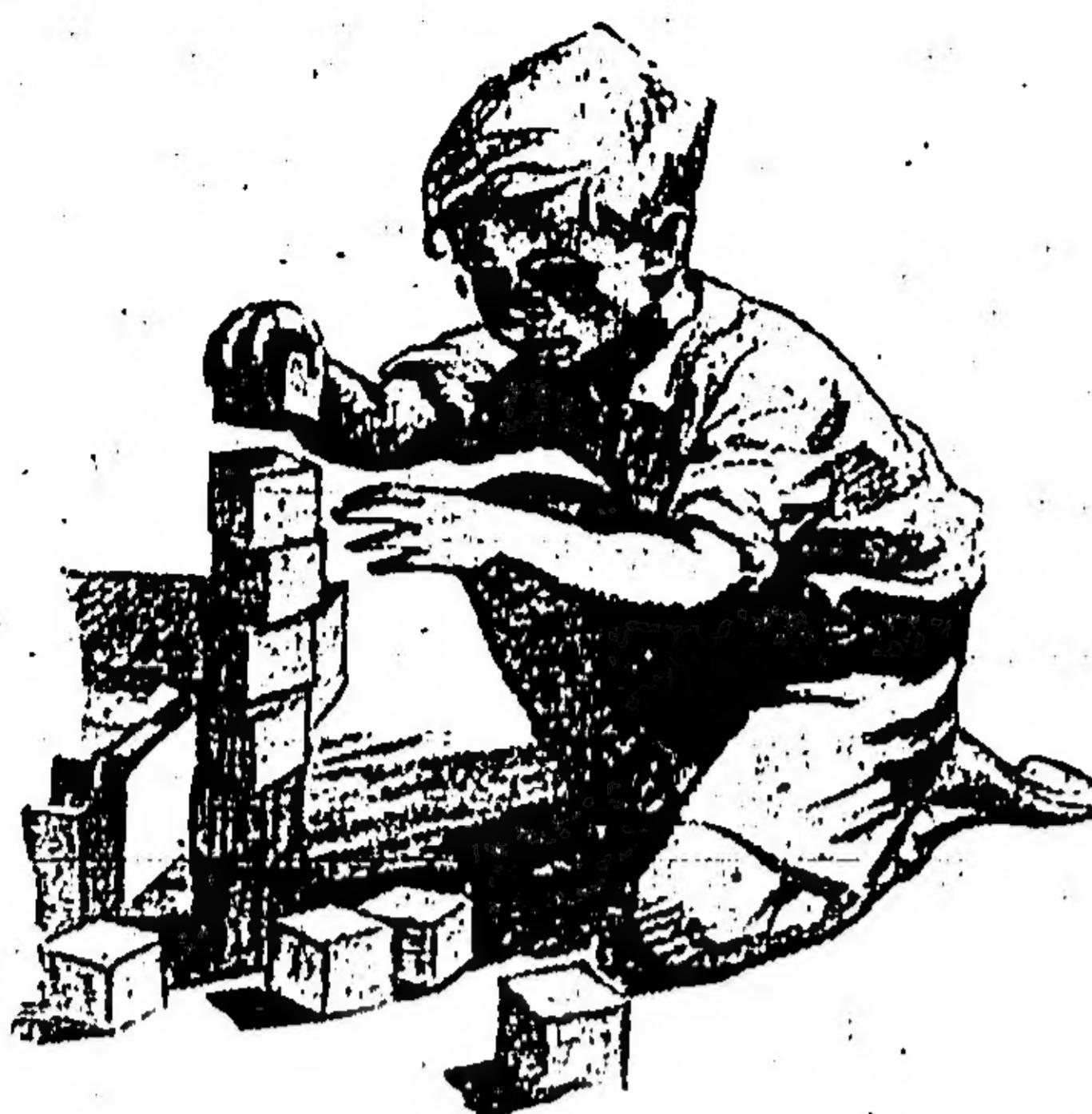
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have a better chance in life



But there are dangers that have to be watched during childhood

RIGHT from birth on, you can see whether a child is the highly-strung, sensitive type or not. He uses up his nervous energy more quickly than he's replacing it. And it is at night, during sleep, that these stores of nervous energy should be replaced. If they are not replaced, the nervous strain on the child gets worse and worse. He's suffering from Night Starvation.

But though these qualities give him a better chance in life, they bring with them dangers that have to be watched. Parents need far greater insight in handling such children. Many highly-strung, sensitive children have grown up to be utter failures—weak, nervous, over-sensitive—because their parents did not fully understand certain health warnings during childhood.

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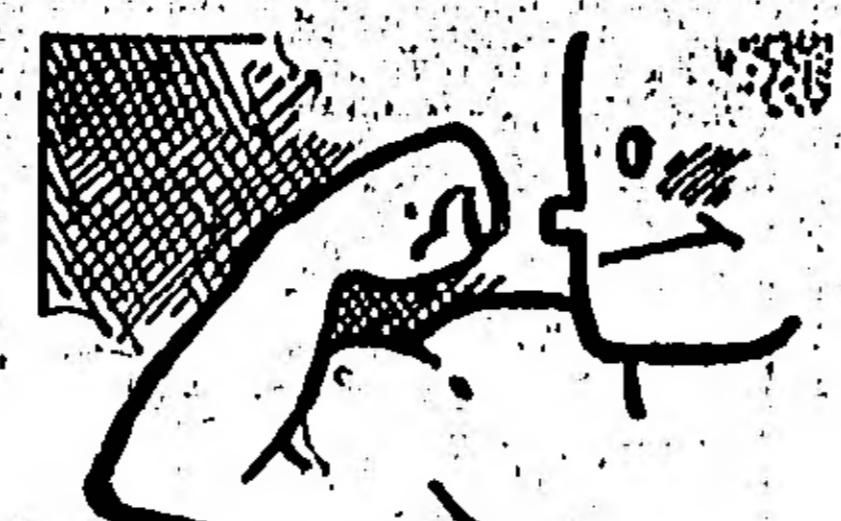
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THE TIME WILL COME

FIGHTING a war on the defensive for any length of time is a gruelling, nerve-wracking task. To accomplish it successfully so that eventually, and at the right moment, the initiative can be adopted, calls for infinite patience, unbounded courage, tenacity of purpose, and sublime confidence in a nation's leaders and fighting personnel. More than once these qualities have proved to be the backbone of Britain when she has been most sorely pressed; they are, in fact, inherent characteristics. And never have been more needed than to-day.

Already some people, irritated by the seemingly never-ending defensive tactics employed by the British military chiefs, are suggesting that the time has come when Britain should start a counter-offensive on the Continent, arguing that if it is delayed much longer Hitler may become too solidly implanted for us to do anything more than force a stalemate. But the argument lacks recognition of certain essentialities.

Britain's leaders, both military, naval and political, have insisted from the start of the war that its successful conclusion can only be effected through a complete knockout blow which envisages a large-scale invasion of the French, Belgium and Dutch occupied countries, and a consequent defeat of the German armies on the field of battle. Clearly, however, this cannot be accomplished without the fullest preparations, and the establishment of certain conditions inimical to the Nazis' defences. Firstly, control of the air is vital. Until, and unless, our invading forces can be given the fullest protection from the air, and the same air force can simultaneously harass the enemy defences with dive-bombing and machine-gunning, invasion of the Continent might well be nothing but suicide. Britain is gaining the upper hand in aerial warfare over Europe, but she still requires thousands of additional planes before she is able to launch the awaited, and let it be emphasised, inevitable onslaught.

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Another important point worthy of attention in considering Britain's military situation to-day is that we have displayed, with outstanding achievement, initiative on more than one battlefield. British and Empire forces have wrested Ethiopia from Italy; they destroyed Graziani's army, and are still holding their own against combined Axis forces in North Africa. Initiative has allowed us to retain command in Iraq; has invited Vichy to realise that Syria will not be spared if that country's aid to the Nazis; and it was initiative that has enabled us to repulse the German invasion of Crete.

WHY WE NEED AN ARMY OF 4,000,000 MEN

By Lieut-General

SIR FREDERICK MAURICE

President of the British Legion

corresponding period of the last war.

When the needs of the Navy and Air Force have been met, the Army gets the rest of those not in reserved occupations and, in the case of the older classes, those who have not chosen to go to A.R.P. and fire services.

More System

THE numbers produced by compulsory service in the first 17 months of this war are rather less than the numbers produced by voluntary service in the same period of the last war. But they are much better organised now.

Then, men rushed to the recruiting offices and were accepted with little regard to their qualifications.

Men who should have been trained as leaders, experts, and technicians, men who were wanted in the factories, were killed or injured in the ranks, and those of the latter class, who escaped injury had to be combed out of the services and put back into factories when the cry went up for more and more munitions. A very wasteful process.

Now we have a long list of reserved occupations, which keeps the experts and technicians where they are wanted; young men studying science, engineering, medicine, and so forth, are allowed to complete their training so that the supply may be maintained; young men who are likely to be leaders are picked out during their recruit training and sent off to be made into officers.

All this means that there is more system and less waste than there was last time.

Empire Defence

IT is true, however, that the Army gets the bulk of the available man-power. Why? Because the Army has to do a lot of things.

It has to maintain our foreign garrisons. Running from west than in the last war, because we to east, we have garrisons in sea open. In addition the Navy, India, Burma, Ceylon, Singa- has to maintain a very large number of minesweepers and a good many men.

The Army is responsible for the ground defence of Palestine, alone, from Land's End to the

Sudan, Kenya and Uganda.

was the whole Western Front.

Every possible landing place in Britain is fortified.

These form our outposts. Behind them are the supports. And behind these again are the reserves ready to pounce if the enemy breaks through.

As lately as June last our Expeditionary Force in France lost the whole of its equipment. The munitions which should have gone to equip and train new formations had to be diverted to re-equipping our front line.

This put the programme back.

As the new levies are equipped and trained, they will take over home defence and the first line will be freed to go overseas to take advantage of such opportunities as the Italian blunders of last November offered us.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES OF THE SAME KIND WILL COME. BUT UNTIL WE HAVE ENOUGH MEN TO SEIZE THEM WITHOUT RISKING DEFENCE AT HOME IT CANNOT BE MAINTAINED THAT WE HAVE TOO MANY MEN IN THE ARMY.

Opposite Numbers

2 The army chiefs

FIELD-MARSHAL GENERAL WILHELM VON KEITEL, chief of the German Army High Command, swarthy handsome, fifty-eight, has sometimes been called the German Napoleon. He has given his whole life to the army and has no outside interests.

Keitel looks the typical Prussian officer, but in fact like most of the Nazi leaders is not a Prussian himself.

It was Keitel who, against the advice of his staff, advised Hitler to attack through Holland and Belgium and at the weakest points of France's defences. He has always advocated in his long-seated

hatred of Britain an attack against the country on land, sea and in the air, and told Hitler it could only be done with submarine and air bases in the Low Countries as well as France.

Best saying: We are ready, my Führer, to smash Britain.

GENERAL SIR JOHN DILL, chief of the Imperial General Staff, also fifty-eight, tall, lean-faced, an Irishman, with eyes that twinkle very easily, was paid perhaps the greatest tribute by the British Army ever given to a leader.

When he gave up command of the 1st Corps in France to become chief of the Imperial General Staff, just before the German offensive, he had to go out a moment's notice. There was no time for an organised farewell.

Yet, all the why from Douai to Arras—more than twenty miles—the roadsides were lined by men under his

command. Quite spontaneously they came to cheer a beloved commander. It was Sir John who had to take the decision, after consulting Mr Winston Churchill and General Wavell, to reinforce the Middle East Army when we were far short of equipment at home. It was typical of his bravery as a leader. He has been one since 1918, when he was made brigadier-general. He was then thirty-six.

Best saying: Efficient preparation wins battles.

KEY TO THE EAST

CYPRUS, madam, is the key to and baggage." Disraeli and Lord Salisbury disagreed. Better the ship was confirmed, and the island of the Suez Canal.

In these words Disraeli in 1878 explained to Queen Victoria why he was anxious that Great Britain should have a controlling voice in the destinies of the Mediterranean island.

He was particularly interested in the subject, because three years previously he had negotiated on his own responsibility the purchase in behalf of the British Government of 176,602 shares in the Canal for the sum of £3,976,592.

Yet Disraeli was not quite satisfied. He regarded the Canal as vulnerable to attack from many quarters, particularly from the Island of Cyprus only 250 miles distant. So long as this, with the whole coast line of Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine, and Egypt, remained under Turkish dominion, Disraeli confessed that he was not happy.

Suddenly in 1878 the Fates seemed to play into Disraeli's hands. Turkey asked if Great Britain would like to keep a watchful eye on the island. Trouble had arisen between Turkey and Russia. The latter was beginning to stretch her legs. She sought an outlet to the Mediterranean via the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, and had ambitions to establish her authority of Constantinople.

Turkey stood in the way. At that time, she held sway over the greater part of the Balkans, as well as over large territories in Asia and Africa.

She had in fact much more than she could manage, but was unwilling to cede any part of her Empire fall into Russian hands.

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ITALIAN WAR EFFORT COLLAPSE DESCRIBED

Italy was on the verge of collapse from "Army vs. Party" conflict and military "dry rot" even before she attacked Greece, according to Saville R. Davis, former Rome correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

The army, led by "anti-German" Marshal Pietro Badoglio, chief of the general staff, was "betrayed from the rear" by the pro-German Fascist party, Davis wrote. Badoglio's generalship of Gen. Rodolfo Graziani in Libya was demonstrated, he said, when Italian troops frequently were found in trenches "so deep that they couldn't look out to see the enemy coming."

Davis also wrote that:

Badoglio was opposed to the entire war. He tried to persuade Mussolini to delay the Greek expedition. Mussolini demanded immediate action, saying, "I have spent \$7,500,000 bribing the Greeks in key positions. They will not resist."

While Badoglio was waging a war that he had opposed, the pro-German Fascists led by Roberto Farinacci of the Fascist Grand Council, saw a chance to smash the "old guard" leaders. Farinacci first waged a quiet campaign accusing Badoglio of being a traitor who wouldn't fight on Germany's side.

"When the bribery in Greece failed and the army was in a shambles, Farinacci saw his chance to pin the blame on his arch enemy. He prepared an article for his newspaper denouncing the chief of staff for 'incompetence.' When Badoglio read the article he went to Mussolini and said, 'I am resigning.' Mussolini replied that 'you are already out, your resignation was accepted some time ago.' Davis told of a soldier he interviewed. The soldier had been in Albania 10 months before the attack on Greece and he was quoted as follows:

Soldier's Story

"That first day (of the Greek campaign) we went up into the Pindus mountains, into a world of ice and snow. I shall never forget the appalling cold, as long as I live. The snow was three, four, five feet deep. They sent us into that with summer clothes."

"Next day we were ambushed by the Greeks. . . . I had a gun. But a piece of the mechanism was lacking. They hadn't any spare parts in stock. The gun wouldn't shoot."

"There were about 500 men in my unit. Only 30 of us survived. We had no food for five days, no assistance while struggling back. At the base, I saw docks loaded mountain high with cases of ammunition, food and supplies. But no one was distributing it. It wasn't that we lacked things. It was just that no one got them out to us."

Davis said he heard many similar versions of the war.

Bewildered Peasants

"The army in Albania was a bewildered mass of peasants. Lacking in those essentials of supply lines, staff work, co-ordination and common sense efficiency," he wrote.

"The military had some excuse for the Albanian fiasco. It was a campaign which the high command neither prepared nor wanted. But there was no such excuse in Libya. There was a clear military defeat."

Davis said Graziani "sent his men like medieval garrisons into towns where they locked themselves up and tried to fortify their positions. The desert areas between the towns were left unguarded. There were no defended lines of communications. . . . One camp was incapable

of aiding another. . . . They fought as isolated units instead of as a united army."

They Sent The Dean 100 Fakes

The Very Rev. Edgar Rogers, Dean of Bocking, Essex, has the love of old coins in his blood—an ancestor of his was Master of the Mint in Queen Elizabeth's reign.

Fifteen months ago, the dean went to a meeting of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St John Fund. "Why not raise money by asking people to give their old coins?" he suggested.

More than a million coins and medals—three tons of them, filling 129 mailbags—have been the answer.

When his appeal was made coins began to roll into the deanery.

Found Gold

A sorting depot was opened in London, and the dean went up to town every few days to take off his coat and sorted hundredweight after hundredweight of dusty coins.

He has detected 100 clever forgers of ancient coins. A parcel of Sunday-school medals, worthless except as scrap, contained a valuable Spanish gold coin.

A rare Persian gold coin was concealed in a boxful of Belgian cents, worth only a few pence. The gems of the collection were to be sold under the hammer at Sotheby's.

Carry Grant To Wed Barbara Hutton

Cary Grant, British-born film actor, looks like being the third husband of Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress.

Their romance has been brewing for about nine months, and they have been seen appearing at Hollywood's night spots together.

Cary Grant's real name is Archibald Leach. He was born in Bristol and lived there until he was 15. He was formerly married to Virginia Cherrill, the actress.

Barbara Hutton has been married twice before—to Count Raoul de Rantow and Prince Alexis Mihayloff.

The heiress—who inherited about £10,000,000 from the Woolworth estate married Count Rantow the day after she had divorced Prince Mihayloff in 1935 and renounced her United States citizenship.

HITLER'S TOTAL SOLDIER

Hitler's latest invention is the "Total soldier." He is training thousands of them in the snows of the Bavarian Alps and the Harz and Silesian Mountains.

It is believed that the idea of the "Total soldier" was given to Hitler by General Dietl, who was the Nazi commander at Narvik.

This new type can be used as a parachutist, pioneer or ski-patrol, knows how to handle anti-aircraft guns and heavy artillery, is able to repair engines and can be used as an air gunner.

When the lull began last autumn the German High Command decided to use the time to organise an "army of specialists."

Hothouse Training

While Colonel Tschirner began training for colonial warfare in his famous hothouses, General Guderian reorganised the motorised units, which form two-thirds of the German Army at present.

The remaining troops were sent to the mountains for "total training."

They were given some time to get accustomed to the heights.

Afterwards they were trained in mountain warfare—ski-ing, pioneer work, etc.

During manoeuvres with this newly organised force, three new inventions were tested.

New Inventions

The first is a tank which can move with considerable speed in the deep snow.

The second is a small sledge which a soldier can carry on his back. It can be folded and unfolded with one movement of the hands.

The third is a new type of tent heated with special instruments that do not cause any smoke.

AMERY'S GIFTS

--Many Languages Spoken

Mr L. S. Amery's linguistic powers were put to a new use recently when he broadcast to the Serbo-Croat people in the B.B.C. programme. The number of languages the Secretary for India speaks is commonly believed to be beyond computation.

There was an occasion at an international conference when he had to meet a large number of journalists from many countries. The gathering was informal, and he spoke to each in his own language, to the growing wonderment of those present.

The last to meet him was a Serb. It was supposed that at last we would be beaten. Mr Amery, however, not only spoke to the man in his own language but quoted some of his own folk-lore to him.

One Man To Direct All Railways

A supreme directing chief will be appointed to run all British railways, writes the "Daily Herald's" Political Correspondent.

Although railway spokesmen say that they know nothing about plans for the central control of the four main lines, they are going forward.

I learn that they do not provide for nationalisation or any form of public ownership.

Rented To The State

A new holding company may take over a financial interest of the four independent companies, and the Government may then "hire" the railways for wartime use.

Operational direction will then be put in the hands of a "railway commander-in-chief," responsible to the Government through a newly constituted railway executive.

There is no indication that railway employees are to have representatives on this executive.

Speed Up

Big economies in operation costs and the speed up of transport will be achieved by a far-reaching pooling of railway personnel, routes, rolling stock and equipment.

Railfaring of transport, both for goods and passengers, may be introduced. Essential war supplies will be given priority and then coal and food.

In many quarters the view is held that the Government should introduce a comprehensive scheme for a national, publicly-owned transport service, linking the railways with long-distance road haulage.

Mr. Percy Metcalfe, designer of



OFF FOR ENGLAND—Major General Henry H. Arnold, U.S. Army Air Corps chief, bids good-bye to Mrs. Arnold as he leaves New York on ocean-hopping clipper for England. He's to serve for four weeks as special observer of war.

BLIND V.C. AIDS CIVILIANS

FIVE war-blinded civilians are learning to conquer despair and to make a fresh start in life under the care of Captain Sir Beachcroft Towsle, the blind V.C. Sir Beachcroft, now 76, has opened the greater part of his home, Long Meadow, Goring-on-Thames, as a civilian St Dunstan's.

It will be eventually a training centre for between 15 and 20 people who have been blinded in air-raids.

His present charges are four women and one man.

"In one of the early bombings at Portsmouth the man completely lost the sight of one eye, and has been left with only a glimmer of sight in the other," said Sir Beachcroft.

"Then he was in a second bombing, and was deafened."

"Despite these disabilities, he is remarkably cheerful and is making an excellent job of sawing wood."

"From my own experiences I have learned that the best possible thing for blind people is to give them something to do."

Reunion Soon

There will soon be a reunion at Long Meadow of wife and husband, both blinded in an air raid.

"The wife, who is a mother of two children, is already with us," said Sir Beachcroft, "and her husband, who is still in hospital, will join her as soon as he is convalescent."

Sir Beachcroft, who was blinded in the South African War, has since learned to play golf, to become an expert typist, and to do all kinds of handiwork.

This is Ronald's poem to his bride:

The Bridge That Spans

Your lips and eyes, your honey hair,

Your idealistic hands;

These and your heart you have given

To tie with marriage bands.

Such beauty, love, is therein held.

That I am grown afraid;

For I could never equal, dear,

The love in you God made,

My heart shall be a chalice strong

With salt sea water round,

And you will take that chalice up.

That it may not be drowned;

For I shall drink your love in it

When I am seaward bound.

That drink will guard me from the snares.

The enemy has set;

And when I triumph over him I shall repay the debt.

For though a woman's love always

Is greater than a man's,

I'll know that your belief in me

Has proved the bridge that spans.

NEW STRAWBERRY BLONDES

After the "platinum blondes" and the "ocean girls," Hollywood is now cultivating "strawberry blondes."

The "strawberry blonde" is a girl with hair that is something between that of the blonde and the redhead; in fact, a "redblonde."

Minor Alteration To George Medal Design

Though 32 George Crosses and over 350 George Medals have been awarded, it has not yet been found possible to distribute any of them.

No information is forthcoming as to the reason for the delay, but it is understood that a minor alteration in design is being considered before the King gives his full approval. When that is done the Royal Mint will be able immediately to prepare the dies and carry out its task.

The first awards were made six months ago, and since then lists of fresh recipients have appeared at frequent intervals.

It was on Sept. 23 last that the King announced his decision to recognise deeds of civilian gallantry by creating the George Cross, ranking next to the Victoria Cross and the George Medal for wider distribution.

Mr. Percy Metcalfe, designer of

coins for the Royal Mint, designed the Cross, which is of silver, bearing a central medallion representative of St George and the Dragon.

Mr. George Kruger Gray modelled and adapted the Medal after a bookplate designed by Mr. Stephen Gooden for the Royal Library at Windsor Castle.

The Medal is of silver, bears the crowned effigy of the King. On the reverse side St George is depicted slaying the dragon.

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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



"Queen's Messengers" Are Food Convoys For Blitz Sufferers

The Queen recently inspected in the courtyard of Buckingham Palace the first two convoys of a fleet of vehicles which will take provisions to bombed areas. Eight vehicles of these "flying squads" which she inspected were her personal gift, and the other ten were given by the British War Relief Society of America.

The Queen acceded to the suggestion of Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, that the convoys should be called "The Queen's Messengers."

"It is a great pleasure to me to inaugurate the mission of good will which this service of food convoys represents," her Majesty said. "They will serve, I trust, as a symbol of that fellowship which unites all of us who share a common danger to-day."

"I am glad to think that they should be called 'The Queen's Messengers' and that they should go forth on their various ways bearing my name."

Instant Relief

"It is my hope that they will have a double value—they will not only provide what is sorely needed, but they will do what is not less vital, they will bring it on the instant and will bridge the gap between destruction and swift reorganisation."

"The convoys which I have seen this morning form part only of a much larger fleet, and many of these have been provided by the generosity of the British War Relief Society of America."

"By coming forward to supplement the scale of the venture as it was first planned our friends in the United States of America have immensely enlarged its usefulness and to those kind people who have made our cause their own I would express a very real gratitude."

"The message which I would entrust to these convoys will not be one of encouragement, for courage is never lacking to the people of this country. It will rather be one of true sympathy and of loving kindness. It is with that message that I wish them Godspeed as they set out on their pilgrimage to-day."

W.V.S. Crews

The Queen afterwards talked to members of the Women's Voluntary Service who formed the crews.

"Within a month 18 convoys were put in service."

A convoy includes a water carrier, two kitchen lorries capable of providing 2,000 meals an hour, two food store lorries carrying sufficient tea, bread, sugar, margarine and soup to provide meals for 4,500 people, and three mobile canteens holding enough to feed 500 people.

The convoys will cost about £80,000.

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laugh of the year!



Britain's Children Learn Country Life

By WILLIAM R. DOWNS

United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, May 26 (UPI).—"Dead End" kids from the city to-day are learning to milk cows, and beribboned little girls from Bristol, London and Manchester are finding out from whence eggs come.

Mr Harold Ramsbotham, President of the Board of Education, said that the 600,000 school children removed from city danger areas to "barnyard" evacuee schools in the country now have greater practical education facilities than they ever had before.

"I dare say some folk have conjured up pictures of school-going abandoned and children largely left uncared for and running wild," Ramsbotham said. "I am glad to say, however, that such a picture has no relation to the actual position."

He admitted that the task had been a difficult one, but said his department had handled satisfactorily two great migrations of schoolchildren within a year. The first was in September 1939, and the second in September 1940.

Besides the 600,000 children already in evacuee schools, there are another 1,000,000 still in potentially dangerous areas who may have to be removed to the country, he said.

Loss of Facilities

Mr. Ramsbotham admitted that education facilities had suffered by the move through loss of facilities for special work in science, handicraft and related subjects.

"On the other hand they have gained all the stimulus of a new environment and new experiences. The introduction of town children to country life has in itself been an education for them," he said. He praised the courage of the youngsters. "They, certainly are giving the lie to the suggestion that the younger generation is soft."

Mr. Ramsbotham told of a nine-year-old boy who snuffed out a fire with an old pair of trousers and a boy scout, his arms and legs crushed, lying in the wreckage of his home, directing rescuers to other victims in the debris.

Grin and Bear It

The children seem to have made their motto "grin and bear it," he remarked.

"I believe we shall reap the benefit of a better understanding between town and country as a result of this great movement of child population. Thus we can secure the foundations of a greater social unity."

"Moreover, many children from our cities are showing a great liking for country life and may wish to continue it. I constantly get reports of improved health and alertness due to sound sleep, fresh air, good food, and exercise. It is a good life and I believe we have not failed," Mr. Ramsbotham said.

The first was an aircraftman named Esmond Romilly.

Baby Born On Edge Of Bomb Crater

A WOMAN was about to have a baby in the maternity ward of a Plymouth hospital during a recent raid when heavy bombs crashed on the building. She was flung from her bed. When the dust and smoke had cleared they saw her lying in the debris on the edge of a bomb crater.

Nurses and doctors, some of them injured, ran to her. Though bombs were still raining down and buildings ablaze, they calmly went on attending to the mother.

Ten minutes later the baby was born—and he and his mother are now doing well.

Mothers, babies and nurses were killed in the ward. A direct hit on the children's ward killed a number of little patients.

Heavy bombs fell outside two women's wards and blew in the walls. No one was injured.

Heroic Nurses

All through the raid nurses and

doctors worked heroically dressing and operating on injured patients.

The nurses were magnificent," said the medical superintendent.

himself a casualty. "Several of them were injured, but they just wouldn't give up."

It was the third time the hospital had been bombed. It is now being evacuated.

As policemen carried out the bodies of small children killed outright, men and women who had been on raid duty all night could not keep back their tears.

Lasted Long

Many thousands of incendiaries, followed almost at once by showers of high explosives, were dropped.

The raid lasted several hours.

Three churches were destroyed by fire and a second hospital damaged.

A cinema crowded with people was set alight, but the fire on the roof was quickly extinguished.

War Brings Economic Changes To Europe

By MERRIMAN SMITH

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Italian housewives return empty tin cans much like other nationals leave empty bottles for the milkman; Japanese shipbuilders have abandoned steel in favour of wood; new auto tyres are disappearing in Europe. These and other commercial and industrial quirks were reported recently by the Commerce Department as evidence of economic changes resulting from the war.

In addition to new developments abroad for sidestepping shortages of essential materials, there have been reports of several inventions of military importance.

German scientists were reported to be experimenting with a silent aeroplane engine which would enable bombers to approach enemy objectives at night without detection. Berlin claims were cited, reporting "a certain amount of success has already been achieved" with the silent motors and that such motors were used in the Polish campaign.

"It is also claimed that several ships in operation in the North Sea have been successfully equipped with them and that the experiments are being made on both gasoline and Diesel engines," the department said.

New Locomotive

German engineers also were reported to have developed a new electric express locomotive capable of hauling eight cars at speeds well over 100 miles per hour.

Britain has urged housewives to use sodium bicarbonate in cooking fruit to conserve sugar supplies.

German production of metallic containers has been sharply curtailed because of military needs. Many commodities now come in glass containers.

A metal shortage in Japan has caused the use of wood instead of iron and steel in building small ships for "near-sea" service. Cost of a wooden Japanese ship was reported as being half the cost of a steel vessel of the same dimensions.

In Italy, according to the Commerce Department, housewives give their grocer empty tin cans for each new one when purchasing canned goods.

Motor Tyres

E. G. Holt, leather and rubber expert for the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, said it was virtually impossible now for a private citizen of European countries to get new automobile tyres. He said reports from abroad told of wholesale stoppage of civilian use of automobile tyres because of military requirements on rubber and gasoline stocks.

Some new tyres are available in Britain, but motorists are urged to have old tyres retreaded.

The Italian Government has ordered all owners of auto tyres and tubes to report holdings, and has notified the public of the government's right to requisition them for military use at any time. Transfer of privately-owned tyres from one person to another is forbidden.

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He tried to contact her but her phone had been cut off. As he had to leave on the dawn plane for Los Angeles, Mr. Flato's necklace adorned Miss Pons for the next 16 hours.

Late that evening Andre Kostine arrived by air from Hollywood armed with directions from his friend, Mr. Flato, on how to unlock the double clasp.

Ghost Story Stopped During Raid

When George Jenkins, aged seventy-six, gets fastened on to a good ghost story it takes a lot to shake him off.

George, who is very deaf, lived alone in a room behind a Plymouth shop. Every night after black-out curtains had been drawn he would put on his reading spectacles, draw his armchair up to the oil stove, and read thrillers.

Just as he reached a blood-curdling description of a midnight apparition one night recently, a shadow fell across the page. He started, looked up. Before him were three steel-helmeted men in overalls.

"Come out of it, quick," shouted one of the men.

George was puzzled. "Quick," shouted the men in chorus as they grabbed him by the arms and hustled him outside seconds before the collaring of his room caved in.

Bewildered

George looked around, bewildered. A building was burning. Everywhere shops and houses were in ruins.

His own shop front had been shattered.

A heavy bomb had crashed about forty yards away.

"I thought I felt something shake my chair," said George. "Just when the fellow in the haunted castle heard the dungeon door bang."

Secret Drug Will Reduce Operations

A new British drug to arrest bleeding, which is now being tried out, is expected to save thousands of lives and eliminate the necessity for many types of operations.

The new drug is manufactured and demonstrated in tablet form. It is the result of long research by a firm of manufacturing chemists.

For some months now it has been tested out secretly at the Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women in Glasgow, and the result of these tests is shortly to be announced to the medical profession.

Successes

Dr. John Hewitt, senior surgeon at the hospital, is to embody the result in a paper he is preparing.

Until this paper has been published, the hospital insists on strict secrecy about details of the new method.

It is known, however, that it has proved valuable in many cases.

Necklace Would Not Come Off

Last autumn when Lily Pons arrived in San Francisco for her opera season, she found herself without sufficient jewelry to dress one of her roles.

Finding Paul Flato, the New York jeweller, in town to open a California branch, she appealed to him; and he delivered a \$250,000 necklace on loan for her evening performance.

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ARMY'S WORK IN LONDON RAIDS

How the Army has helped London since heavy air attacks developed was described recently by Lt.-Gen. Sir Bertram Sersison-Brooke, G.O.C. London District.

On Oct. 11, within a fortnight of Sir Warren Fisher's appointment as Special Commissioner, a force of pioneers and engineers had been put at his disposal, and in November the force was doubled.

Army Transport and Heavy Plant

Such transport and heavy plant, such as excavators and cranes, were lent. Soldiers worked alongside civilians fighting fires, in rescue and demolition work and in clearing roads.

Delayed action bombs were dealt with by the military, but was the Regional Commissioner who decided which were the priority jobs. There were R.E. officers attached to each civil group for guidance.

Permanent liaison was established between London District headquarters and the office of the Regional Commissioner, to which three officers were posted.

Home Guards' Aid

The Home Guard had men every night at divisional and sub-divisional police stations. Since November the local A.R.P. authority could ask for the help of Home Guards if necessary, or appeal to the local Home Guard commander for still more help.

Foot Guards sent out fire pickets on every raid night. Troops had been at the docks fighting fires. Recruits from the Guards' depot had worked for a fortnight in South London.

It was an order for every military unit that the civil power might apply for their help.

Sir Bertram said it was their boast that no appeal for aid had been refused. In recovering from the raids London owed a lot to the Army.

But the way London had taken the bombing had been a great help to the Army and its forces, and it gave assurance that, whatever may come, London's army have nothing to fear in that regard.

Skill Test For Car Drivers

It is not everyone who can dance the rhumba and it's not everyone who can drive an automobile either. Mayor LaGuardia of New York recently told the state vehicle examiners.

He was urging them to be careful whom they certified, and expressed the hope that some day a motorist would be given a period of training, just like an air pilot, before taking to the streets.

Notable Guests

Among name guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyer, Edgar Bergen, Eddie Cantor, Marlene Dietrich, Melvyn Douglas, Kay Francis, Margaret Sullivan, Adolph Menjou, Basil Rathbone and Franchot Tone.

Paul's gift to his bride was a diamond pin. The studio gave them a silver service for 12.

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BATTLESHIP BISMARCK IS HIT TWICE BY R.A.F. TORPEDOES Grim Chase To Avenge The Hood Continues

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—It is officially announced by the Admiralty that torpedo-bombing craft of the Fleet Air Arm, which have been scouring the North Atlantic seas for the German battleship Bismarck, sighted the warship to-day and attacked her, scoring two direct hits with torpedoes.

The first Admiralty announcement stated that the chase of the Bismarck, the battleship which had sunk H.M.S. Hood in a North Atlantic sea engagement, has been hotly pursued.

"This evening, torpedo bombers of the Fleet Air Arm scored a hit with a torpedo on the Bismarck. The hunt is continuing."

Later came another Admiralty communiqué which stated that the torpedo bombers had scored a second hit with a torpedo on the Nazi battleship and that the "hunt continues."

R. A. F. HITS BACK HARD AT CRETE

Accomplishes Grand Work

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—Renewed intervention of British aircraft in the Crete fighting is revealed in to-day's British R.A.F. communiqué.

Heavy attacks by bomber and fighter aircraft of the R.A.F. were carried out yesterday and throughout the previous night on enemy positions and aircraft in Crete, particularly successful results being obtained.

"At least 24 enemy aircraft of all types were destroyed and a number of others were badly damaged."

"The aerodrome at Meltemi and adjacent fields, which were being used as landing grounds for gliders and troop-carriers, were the principal targets. Bombs fell amongst large concentrations of Ju-52 transporters, causing great destruction and damage. One transport was hit while landing. Another was set on fire while taxiing."

"Fighters set fire to several other enemy aircraft. One transport carrier was shot down into Suda Bay. "Photographs taken during the raids confirm that severe damage has been done to enemy aircraft."

Latest Communiqué

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—"The Crete situation is much the same with very severe fighting in the Maltemi area, where the Germans have landed more men in the last 24 hours. "It is very difficult to see how it is developing. It is difficult to say how the landings compare with the previous two days, but the enemy has undoubtedly suffered very severe losses of aircraft, while others will soon need overhauling."

"The tide of battle still sways to and fro in the area between Canion and Meltemi and around Maltemi." In these words well-informed military circles summed up the latest Crete position.

Civil Defence Costs

London, May 26 (Reuter).—The Select Committee's report on national expenditure states that civil defence, including A.R.P. shelters, amounted to £89,000,000 for the financial year ending March 31, 1941.

Passionate Plea By Menzies

Calls For Absolute Unity Of Purpose

SYDNEY, May 26 (Reuter).—Appealing for unity in Australian politics, Prime Minister Mr Menzies, who has just returned from England and the United States said, "I don't care whether I remain leader, but whoever is leader must be supported by unity of purpose in action and the spirit of the people."

He hoped that his warm personal friendship with the Labour Party leader Mr Curtin might prove a symbol of ultimate all round co-operation of all Parties.

"Parliament must be an instrument of war not of dissension. I was astonished to return from the magnificent unity in England to find Labour members of the War Council in Australia still without executive powers. We must have co-operation of all Parties to face this supreme

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British Press Slowly Forward In Iraq

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—A British R.A.F. communiqué reports activity in Iraq. It states: "A large number of sorties was made yesterday against military objectives in Ramadi and several fires were started."

"The aerodrome at Mosul was bombed and a number of aircraft which were machine-gunned on the ground were severely damaged."

"At Baquba, German aircraft on the ground were bombed and machine-gunned, two being set on fire."

"Enemy aircraft attacked the

R.A.F. aerodrome at Habbaniyah, but there were no service casualties."

French Leave Palestine

London, May 26 (Reuter).—French Consular officers in Palestine have been requested to leave by May 28. "Reuter" learns in authoritative quarters in London.

The action is understood to be taken by the British authorities in consequence of French action requiring British Consular officers in Syria

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BIG NAVAL BATTLE IN PROGRESS?

New York Report

London, May 26 (Reuter).—The "New York Mirror" reports that a big naval battle is taking place off Denmark between a German squadron and superior British naval forces.

It is stated that the German ships include the battle-cruiser Bismarck.

Albert Gold Medal For Mr Roosevelt

London, May 26 (British Wires).—The Council of the Royal Society of Arts, with the approval of their President, the Duke of Connaught, have decided to confer on President Roosevelt the Albert Gold Medal of the Society "in recognition of his pre-eminent services to humanity as a fearless and resolute champion of the ideals of national freedom and individual liberty."

The Albert Medal of the R.S.A. was struck in 1864 to commemorate the Presidency of the Society, which was held by Prince Albert from 1843 to 1861.

It is awarded for "distinguished merit in promoting the arts, manufactures and commerce."

Among previous recipients are Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, King George V, Thomas Edison, Orville Wright, Louis Pasteur, Guglielmo Marconi, and Madame Curie."

Present Food Situation In Europe is Analysed

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The Department of Agriculture announced to-day that despite shortages in some essential commodities, food supplies in continental Europe were sufficient to maintain the current rationing systems and to prevent serious distress.

Regarding Germany, the announcement stated: "The food problem is not likely in the near future to become critical. War has not yet interfered with agricultural production, due to vast reserves which were accumulated before the war, and also as a result of requisitioning from conquered countries.

The situation in Italy is less favourable because of the army demands and because reserves are less.

De Valera's "No" To Conscription

Special to the "Telegraph"

DUBLIN, May 26 (UP).—In a statement before the Dail, the Premier, Mr Eamon de Valera repudiated the right of Britain to impose conscription on North Ireland. He emphasised that Ireland had pledged itself years before the war began that it would not permit its territory to be used as a base for any enemy attack on Britain. The forces of Ireland are organised to maintain neutrality and are a guarantee that Ireland means to keep her pledge.

He declared that he had called the Dail together in order to make clear representations, not to appear to come from one man or Government or from any party or state, but from all parties of the entire Irish people.

Mr De Valera said that there could be no more grievous attack on the fundamentals of human rights than by forcing an individual to fight for a country to which he objected belonging.

He recalled that he had already once opposed conscription before the war when the proposal to include Ulster was made. Onlookers in the Dail included Sir John Maffey, the United Kingdom representative to

Eire.

Conferences

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—Sir Basil Brooke, Ulster Minister of Commerce, who had planned to leave for Ulster this evening has postponed his trip until to-morrow presumably in order to discuss the De Valera statement with members of the British Cabinet.

Mr J. M. Andrews, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland and other members of the Ulster delegation which conferred here regarding conscription left for Ulster last Sunday.

Issue of Partition

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—In his speech in the Dail to-day, Mr de Valera revived the issue of partition. He said: "Some three years ago, a settlement with Great Britain was

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China Week Campaign

Wu Tch-chen's Thanks

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, May 26 (UP).—The Secretary-General of the Kuomintang, General Wu Tch-chen, in a radio speech to America at 9.30 p.m. to-night, expressed thanks for America's China Week campaign, saying: "I need not tell you how much we Chinese appreciate the encouragement and sympathy which the American people, under the brilliant leadership of President Roosevelt, have given us from the very start of our struggle."

"Indeed, every bit of moral encouragement you have given us has strengthened our will to victory; every cent the American people have contributed toward our cause has served to bring that victory one step nearer."

"The United States on many historical occasions has been called upon to defend the cause of liberty, justice and freedom. To-day, it is only natural that we should look towards America when that very cause is once again threatened."

Posthumous Promotion

TOKYO, May 26 (Domei).—Colonel Masaru Ueda, who was killed in action in the Shansi-Henan frontier campaign on May 13, and Colonel Mikio Kono who died in a field hospital at Tsingtao on May 16, have been posthumously promoted Major-Generals. It was announced by the War Office, to-day.

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France Repudiates

Democracy: Laval's

Nauseating Speech:
To Work with Hitler

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—Making his first speech to-day since his dismissal by Marshal Petain last December, M. Laval, in a broadcast said: "We owe our failure to democracy. We do not want to fight for it. France cannot go back."

"She must fulfil two tasks with the Great Powers of Europe, secure peace first and then overcome unemployment and poverty."

"Those are assurances which my personal experience can give America. Is America trying to paralyse us on the way to national resurrection?"

Johnson Denies

Chungking Split

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HONOLULU, May 26 (UP).—The ex-Ambassador to China, Mr Nelson Johnson, who is en route to Washington prior to assuming his new duties as Minister to Australia is scheduled to leave by Clipper at 2.30 p.m.

He declared that he has absolute faith in China, and he branded reports in American magazines of a civil war between the Eighth Route Army and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces as mere falsehoods.

He highly praised the Chinese Government for its remarkable endurance through four years of war, and expressed his optimism that China will eventually win.

He declared that the Russo-Japanese pact would not affect Russian aid to China, at least visibly. The Chinese have great faith in President Roosevelt as a leader of the democracies.

Mr Johnson will confer with Lieutenant-General Walter C. Short, Commander of the Hawaiian Department, this morning.

Trade Follows Nippon Army

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, May 26 (Domei).—Mr S. M. Bruce, Australian High Commissioner, speaking at a luncheon in London to-day, welcomed the appointment of Mr Ronald Cross as United Kingdom High Commissioner to Australia and referred to the close and successful co-operation now possible between Britain and the Dominion Governments.

Mr Ronald Cross paid tribute to the fighting qualities of the Australians.

War Weapons Week

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The London "War Weapons Week" was officially announced as £120,410,000, which is an average per head of the population of £21.

Mr Roosevelt Revising His Momentous Speech

WASHINGTON, May 26 (Reuter).—In the light of rapidly changing conditions abroad, President Roosevelt is revising the speech which he will deliver to-morrow, said the President's Private Secretary, Mr Stephen Early, at White House to-day.

When President Roosevelt's address was originally scheduled a fortnight ago, Mr. Early informed Mr. Early that the German Foreign Office was not commenting on Admiral Raeder's convoy interview. Mr. Early declared: "I have got an idea that Berlin to-day is trying to do anything it can to belittle the President's speech and anticipate that there will be something for you gentlemen between noon and Tuesday night."

Mr. Early added that he would not be surprised if reporters were querying Mr. Early about the speech. "You will get them when you get the speech."

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But though these qualities give him a better chance in life, they bring these symptoms, start your child on with them dangers that have to be watched. Parents need far greater insight in handling such children. Horlicks, a cupful regularly every night. Horlicks strengthens his nerves and builds his appetite. Many highly-strung, sensitive children have grown up to be utter failures—weak, nervous, over-sensitive—because their parents did not fully understand certain health warnings during childhood.

These health warnings may start at any age. The child goes off his food, is finicky at meals; he gets pale, puffy under the eyes; you find he sleeps restlessly. All these are serious signs that something is Horlicks is obtainable at all good stores.

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THE TIME WILL COME

FIGHTING war on the defensive for any length of time is a gruelling, nerve-wracking task. To accomplish it successfully so that eventually, and at the right moment, the initiative can be adopted, calls for infinite patience, unbounded courage, tenacity of purpose, and sublime confidence in a nation's leaders and fighting personnel. More than once these qualities have proved to be the backbone of Britain when she has been most sorely pressed; they are, in fact, inherent characteristics. And never have been more needed than to-day.

Already some people, irritated by the seemingly never-ending defensive tactics employed by the British military chiefs, are suggesting that the time has come when Britain should start a counter-offensive on the Continent, arguing that if it is delayed much longer Hitler may become too solidly implanted for us to do anything more than force a stalemate. But the argument lacks recognition of certain essentials.

Britain's leaders, both military, naval and political, have insisted from the start of the war that its successful conclusion can only be effected through a complete knockout blow which envisages a large-scale invasion of the French, Belgian and Dutch occupied countries, and a consequent defeat of the German armies on the field of battle. Clearly, however, this cannot be accomplished without the fullest preparations and the establishment of certain conditions inimical to the Nazis' defences. Firstly, control of the air is vital. Until, and unless, our invading forces can be given the full protection from the air, and the same air force can simultaneously harass the enemy defenders with dive-bombing and machine-gunning, invasion of the Continent might well be nothing but suicide. Britain is gaining the upper hand in aerial warfare over Europe, but she still requires thousands of additional planes before she is able to launch the awaited, and let it be emphasised, inevitable onslaught.

It is true that because of Hitler's success to date some effects of the British blockade have been nullified, and it is doubtful whether we could actually win the war outright even if the blockade was 100 per cent effective. But it must also be borne in mind that one important effect of winning the Battle of the Atlantic will be to tighten an extent not yet reached in this war, our blockade of Germany and her occupied territories, and the defeat of the Nazis in the Atlantic may confidently be predicted as a prelude to our counter-offensive by sea, land and air.

Another important point worthy of attention is in considering Britain's military situation to-day. In that we have displayed, within outstanding achievement, initiative on more than one battlefield. British and Empire forces have wrested Ethiopia from Italy; they destroyed Graziani's army, and are still holding their own against combined Axis forces in North Africa. Initiative has allowed us to retain command in Iraq; has invited Vichy to realise that Syria will not be spared. If that country offers aid to the Nazis; and it was initiative that has enabled us to repulse the German invasion of Crete.

The time for the big showdown is not yet. But it will come, and it will come when we are ready to start it. Until then, confidence can remain high and steadfast in the fighting ability of our defenders, both military and civil, at home and in the other war theatres. They, at least, are learning the mistakes to avoid when it comes to their turn, to win. Turkey declared war on the side of Germany. Great Britain formally announced that she had officially taken possession of Cyprus. By the

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WHY WE NEED AN ARMY OF 4,000,000 MEN

By Lieut-General

SIR FREDERICK MAURICE

President of the British Legion

corresponding period of the last war.

When the needs of the Navy and Air Force have been met, the Army gets the rest of those not in reserved occupations and, in the case of the older classes, those who have not chosen to go to A.R.P. and fire services.

More System

THE numbers produced by compulsory service in the first 17 months of this war are rather less than the numbers produced by voluntary service in the same period of the last war.

But they are much better organised now.

Then, men rushed to the recruiting offices and were accepted with little regard to their qualifications.

Men who should have been trained as leaders, experts, and technicians, men who were wanted in the factories, were killed or injured in the ranks, and those of the latter class who escaped injury had to be combed out of the services and put back into factories when the cry went up for more and more munitions. A very wasteful process.

Now we have a long list of reserved occupations, which keeps the experts and technicians where they are wanted; young men studying science, engineering, medicine, and so forth, are allowed to complete their training so that the supply may be maintained; young men who are likely to be leaders are picked out during their recruit training and sent off to be made into officers.

All this means that there is more system and less waste than there was last time.

Empire Defence

IT is true, however, that the Army gets the bulk of the available man-power.

Why? Because the Army has to do a lot of things.

It has to maintain our foreign garrisons. Running from west to east, we have garrisons in Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Aden, sea open. In addition the Navy India, Burma, Ceylon, Singapore, has to maintain a very large port and Hongkong. That takes number of minesweepers and a good many men.

The Army is responsible for the ground defence of Palestine, the length of the South Coast alone, from Land's End to the North Foreland, is greater than was the whole Western Front.

Every possible landing place in Britain is fortified.

These form our outposts. Behind them are the supports. And behind these again are the reserves ready to pounce if the enemy breaks through.

As lately as June last our Expeditionary Force in France lost the whole of its equipment. The munitions which should have gone to equip and train new formations had to be diverted to re-equipping our front line.

This put the programme back. As the new levies are equipped and trained, they will take over home defence and the first line will be freed to go overseas to take advantage of such opportunities as the Italian blunders of last November offered us.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES OF THE SAME KIND WILL COME. BUT UNTIL WE HAVE ENOUGH MEN TO SEIZE THEM WITHOUT RISKING DEFENCE AT HOME, IT CANNOT BE MAINTAINED THAT WE HAVE TOO MANY MEN IN THE ARMY.

Opposite Numbers

2 The army chiefs

FIELD-MARSHAL GENERAL F. WILHELM VON KEITEL, chief of the German Army High Command, a warthily handsome, fifty-eight, has sometimes been called the German Napoleon. He has given his whole life to the army and has no outside interests.

Keitel looks the typical Prussian officer, but in fact like most of the Nazi leaders is not a Prussian himself. It was Keitel who, against the advice of his staff, advised Hitler to attack through Holland and Belgium and at the weakest points of France's defences. He has always advocated in his long-seated command of the

hatred of Britain an attack against the country on land, sea and in the air, and told Hitler it could only be done with submarine and air bases in the Low Countries as well as France.

Best saying: We are ready, my Fuehrer, to smash Britain.

GENERAL SIR JOHN DILL, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, also fifty-eight, tall, lean-faced, an Irishman, with eyes that twinkle very easily, was paid perhaps the greatest tribute by the British Army ever given to a leader.

When he gave up command of the 1st Corps in France to become vice-chief of the Imperial General Staff, just before the German offensive, he had to go at a moment's notice. There was no time for an organised farewell. Yet all the way from Arras more than twenty miles—the roadside was lined by men under

command. Quite spontaneously they came to cheer a beloved commander. It was Sir John who had to take the decision, after consulting Mr. Winston Churchill and General Wavell, to reinforce the Middle East Army when we were far short of equipment at home. It was typical of his bravery as a leader. He has made one since 1918, when he was brigadier-general. He was then thirty-six.

Best saying: Efficient preparation wins battles.

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ITALIAN WAR EFFORT COLLAPSE DESCRIBED

Italy was on the verge of collapse from "Army vs. Party" conflict and military "dry rot" even before she attacked Greece, according to Saville R. Davis, former Rome correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

The army, led by "anti-German" Marshal Pietro Badoglio, chief of the general staff, was "betrayed from the rear" by the pro-German Fascist party, Davis wrote. Badoglio's generalship of Gen. Rodolfo Graziani in Libya was demonstrated, he said, when Italian troops frequently were found in trenches "so deep that they couldn't look out to see the enemy coming."

Davis also wrote that: Badoglio was opposed to the entire war. He tried to persuade Mussolini to delay the Greek expedition. Mussolini demanded immediate action, saying, "I have spent \$7,500,000 bribing the Greeks in key positions. They will not resist."

While Badoglio was waging a war that he had opposed, the pro-German Fascists led by Roberto Farinacci of the Fascist Grand Council, saw a chance to smash the "old guard" leaders. Farinacci first waged a quiet campaign accusing Badoglio of being a traitor who wouldn't fight on Germany's side.

"When the bribery in Greece failed and the army was in a shambles, Farinacci saw his chance to pin the blame on his arch enemy. He prepared an article for his newspaper denouncing the chief of staff for 'incompetence.' When Badoglio read the article, he went to Mussolini and said, 'I am resigning!'" Mussolini replied that "you are already out, your resignation was accepted some time ago." Davis told of a soldier he interviewed. The soldier had been in Albania 16 months before the attack on Greece and he was quoted as follows:

Soldier's Story

"That first day (of the Greek campaign) we went up into the Pandus mountains, into a world of ice and snow. I shall never forget the appalling cold as long as I live. The snow was three, four, five feet deep. They sent us into that with summer clothes.

"Next day, we were ambushed by the Greeks. . . . I had a gun. But a piece of the mechanism was lacking. They hadn't any spare parts in stock. The gun wouldn't shoot."

"There were about 500 men in my unit. Only 38 of us survived. We had no food for five days, no assistance while struggling back. At the base, I saw docks loaded mountain high with cases of ammunition, food and supplies. But no one was distributing it. It wasn't that we lacked this. It was just that no one got them out to us."

Davis said he heard many similar versions of the war.

Bewildered Peasants

"The army in Albania was a bewildered mass of peasants. Lacking in those essentials of supply lines, staff work, co-ordination and common sense efficiency," he wrote.

"The military had some excuse for the Albanian fiasco. It was a campaign which the high command neither prepared nor wanted. But there was no such excuse in Libya. Here was a clear military defeat."

Davis said Graziani "sent his men like medieval garrisons into towns where they locked themselves up and tried to fortify their positions. The desert areas between the towns were left unguarded. There were no defended lines of communications. One camp was incapable

HITLER'S TOTAL SOLDIER

Hitler's latest invention is the "Total soldier." He is training thousands of them in the snows of the Bavarian Alps and the Harz and Silesian Mountains.

It is believed that the idea of the "Total soldier" was given to Hitler by General Dietl, who was the Nazi commander at Narvik.

This new type can be used as a parachutist, pioneer or ski-patrol, knows how to handle anti-aircraft guns and heavy artillery, is able to repair engines and can be used as an air gunner.

When the lull began last autumn the German High Command decided to use the time to organise an army of specialists."

Hothouse Training

While Colonel Tschirner began training troops for colonial warfare in his famous hothouses, General Guderian reorganised the motorised units, which form two-thirds of the German Army at present.

The remaining troops were sent to the mountains for "total training."

They were given some time to get accustomed to the heights.

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AMERY'S GIFTS

--Many Languages Spoken

Mr L. S. Amery's linguistic powers were put to a new use recently when he broadcast to the Serbo-Croat people in the B.C.C. programme. The number of languages the Secretary for India speaks is commonly believed to be beyond computation.

There was an occasion at an international conference when he had to meet a large number of journalists from many countries. The gathering was informal, and he spoke to each in his own language, to the growing wonderment of those present.

The last to meet him was a Serb. It was supposed that at last we would be beaten. Mr Amery, however, not only spoke to the man in his own language but quoted some of his own folk-lore to him.

One Man To Direct All Railways

A supreme directing chief will be appointed to run all British railways, writes the "Daily Herald's" Political Correspondent.

Although railway spokesmen say that they know nothing about plans for the central control of the four main lines, they are going forward.

I learn that they do not provide for nationalisation or any form of public ownership.

Rented To The State

A new holding company may take over a financial interest of the four independent companies, and the Government may then "hire" the railways for wartime use.

Operational direction will then be put in the hands of a "railway commander-in-chief," responsible to the Government through a newly constituted railway executive.

There is no indication that railway employees are to have representatives on this executive.

Speed Up

Big economies in operation costs and the speed up of transport will be achieved by a far-reaching pooling of railway personnel, routes, rolling stock and equipment.

Rationing of transport, both for goods and passengers, may be introduced. Essential war supplies will be given priority, and then coal and food.

In many quarters the view is held that the Government should introduce a comprehensive scheme for a national, publicly-owned transport service, linking the railways with long-distance road haulage.

Mr Percy Metcalfe, designer of



OFF FOR ENGLAND—Major General Henry H. Arnold, U.S. Army Air Corps chief, bids good-bye to Mrs Arnold as he leaves New York on ocean-hopping clipper for England. He's to serve for four weeks as special observer of war.

BLIND V.C. AIDS CIVILIANS

FIVE war-blinded civilians are learning to conquer despair and to make a fresh start in life under the care of Captain Sir Beacheroff Towse, the blind V.C. Sir Beacheroff, now 76, has opened the greater part of his home, Long Meadow, Goring-on-Thames, as a civilian St Dunstan's.

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Poem Gift To His War Bride

Ronald Howard, 23-year-old son of film star Leslie Howard, and a "Sunday Chronicle" reporter before he joined the Navy, was recently married to Miss Patricia Horsman in London.

Mr Howard wrote a poem to his bride. The poem is the "introduction" to a brief two-day honeymoon, after which Sub-Lieutenant Howard went back on duty on a naval trawler.

Mr Leslie Howard was unable to attend the wedding, as he was working hard at Denham, in the film "49th Parallel." Mr Richard Greene, the film star, who is at present undergoing an O.T.C. course, was a guest.

This is Ronald's poem to his bride:

The Bridge That Spans Your lips and eyes, your honey hair, Your idealistic hands; These and your heart— you have given To tie with marriage bands.

Such beauty, love, is therein held.

That I am grown afraid; For I could never equal, dear, The love in you God made.

My heart shall be a chalice strong.

With salt sea water round, And you will, take that chalice up.

That it may not be drowned; For I shall drink your love in it When I am seaward bound.

That drink will guard me from the snare.

The enemy has set; And when I triumph over him I shall repay the debt.

For though a woman's love always

Is greater than a man's, I'll know that your belief in me Has proved the bridge that spans.

NEW STRAWBERRY BLONDES

After the "platinum blondes" and the "combs girls," Hollywood is now cultivating "strawberry blondes." The "strawberry blonde" is a girl with hair that is something between that of the blonde and the redhead; in fact, a "reddblonde."

HOOVER PROBLEM

Haldeman-Julius publications, advertising "Little Blue Books," list "Herbert Hoover, The Man" under "Social Problems."

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Minor Alteration To George Medal Design

Though 32 George Crosses and over 350 George Medals have been awarded, it has not yet been found possible to distribute any of them.

No information is forthcoming as to the reason for the delay, but it is understood that a minor alteration in design is being considered before the King gives his full approval. When that is done the Royal Mint will be able immediately to prepare the dies and carry out its task.

The first awards were made six months ago, and since then lists of fresh recipients have appeared at frequent intervals.

It was on Sept. 23 last that the King announced his decision to recognise deeds of civilian gallantry by creating the George Cross, ranking next to the Victoria Cross and the George Medal for wider distribution.

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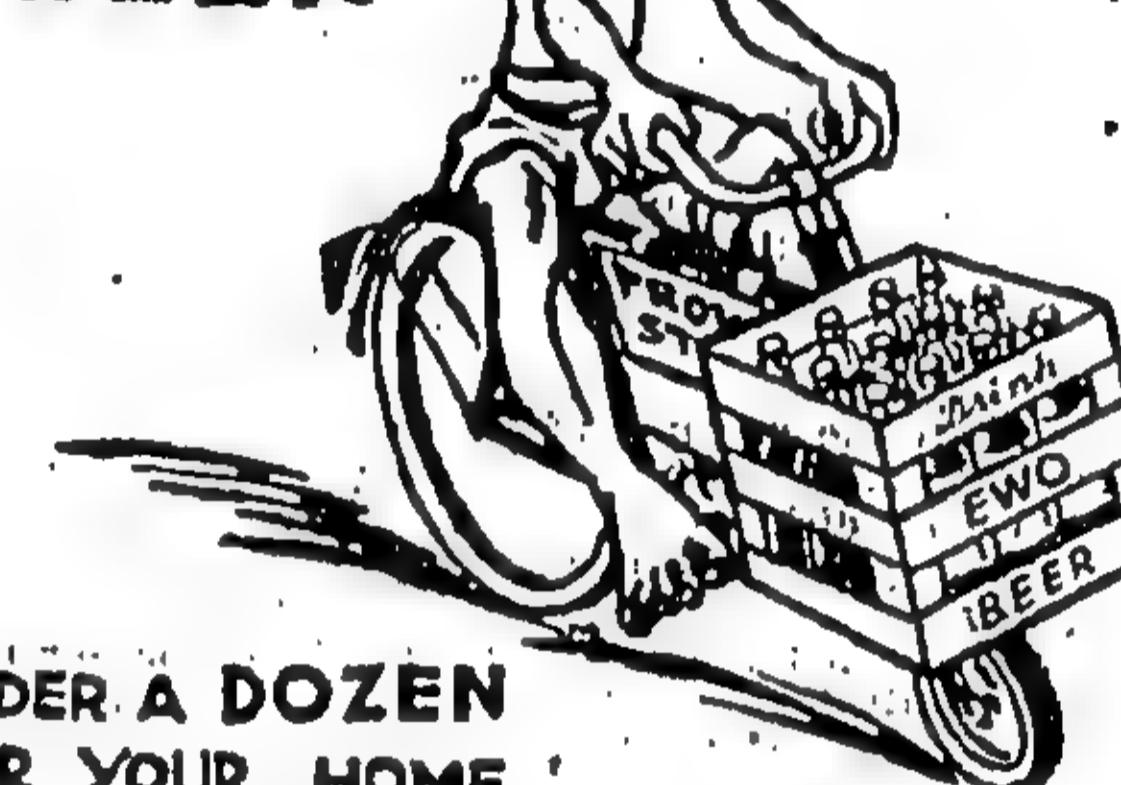
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Tracing Origin Of Baseball

Persians Had A Word For It!

1000-Year-Old "Diamond" Discovered In Arizona

(By "Ball Fan")

Ever since that eventful day when Abner Doubleday, the Ballston Spa N.Y. Civil War hero, set up the first schemes for playing baseball at Cooperstown in 1839, malcontents as well as disgruntled archaeologists, who delight in technicalities and anachronisms, have opened up with a series of "who discovered the game," arguments, to the extreme merriment of modern baseball's fun-loving throngs who sure get a great kick out of hearing these "back to the ancient movement" scientists and others attempting to justify their minute-laden claims.

We are informed that baseball was the national spot of the Persians a good sized con back. They didn't call it baseball but it was commonly known as Chahel-toop, (chahel means game, toop means ball). The Persians' claims of priority were pressed by Prince Amir Hessian Sepehr Ghaffari who was called "Butch" by his schoolmates in America.

"BUTCH" never saw a modern baseball game until he landed in Uncle Sam's democratic land of opportunity, but came to the conclusion, after taking in his first tilt, that the diamond game was similar in many phases, to his beloved Chahel-toop.

In the Persian pastime, the bases are also ninety feet apart with nine players on each side. The ball is made of wool-thread wrapped tightly around a rubber centre and covered with a knitted fabric. Thus far the comparison appears to be favourable to the Persian nobleman's argument. Even the Chahel-toop bat, a short paddle-like contrivance, can be compared to the bludgeons of baseball's early days. The ball is flipped underhand in the manner of baseball's downing era.

However, the chief difference lies with the Chahel-toop hurler whose aim it is, to toss the ball high up into the air with the batter swinging as the pellet descends. Certainly no resemblance there to Doubleday's fireball tosses from the slab. To top everything, Persian Chahel-toop requires no umpires.

ARIZONA archaeologists insist they have discovered not only baseballs but also playing surfaces on various bits of paraphernalia which were supposed to have been utilized by the aborigines for a game resembling baseball at least a thousand years ago.

These "ancient time" discoverers reveal that the first "stone-age" ball held they identified was situated near the Gila Pueblo at Snaketown on the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona, in 1935. They found a

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the first day and at 11.00 a.m. on the second day.

The fifteen interval will be after the fourth race on the second day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. on Saturday, and at 9.45 a.m. on Monday.

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C. B. BROWN,
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"Queen's Messengers" Are Food Convoys For Blitz Sufferers

The Queen recently inspected in the courtyard of Buckingham Palace the first two convoys of a fleet of vehicles which will take provisions to bombed areas. Eight vehicles of these "flying squads" which she inspected were her personal gift, and the other ten were given by the British War Relief Society of America.

The Queen acceded to the suggestion of Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, that the convoys should be called "The Queen's Messengers."

"It is a great pleasure to me to inaugurate the mission of good will which this service of food convoys represents," her Majesty said. "They will serve, I trust, as a symbol of that fellowship which unites all of us who share a common danger to-day."

"I am glad to think that they should be called 'The Queen's Messengers' and that they should go forth on their various ways bearing my name."

Instant Relief

"It is my hope that they will have a double value—they will not only provide what is sorely needed, but they will do what is not less vital, they will bring it on the instant and will bridge the gap between destruction and swift reorganisation."

"The convoys which I have seen this morning form part only of a much larger fleet, and many of these have been provided by the generosity of the British War Relief Society of America."

"By coming forward to supplement the scale of the venture as it was first planned our friends in the United States of America have immensely enlarged its usefulness and to those kind people who have made our cause their own I would express a very real gratitude."

"The message which I would entrust to these convoys will not be one of encouragement, for courage is never lacking to the people of this country. It will rather be one of true sympathy and of loving kindness. It is with that message that I wish them Godspeed as they set out on their pilgrimage to-day."

W.W.S. Crews

The Queen afterwards talked to members of the Women's Voluntary Service who formed the crews.

Within a month 10 convoys were put in service.

A convoy includes a water-carrier, two kitchen lorries capable of providing 2,000 meals an hour, two food store lorries carrying sufficient tea, bread, sugar, margarine and soup to provide meals for 4,500 people, and three mobile canteens holding enough to feed 500 people.

The convoys will cost about £80,000.

Britain's Children Learn Country Life

By WILLIAM R. DOWNS
United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, May 26 (UPI).—"Dead End" kids from the city to-day are learning to milk cows, and beribboned little girls from Bristol, London and Manchester are finding out from whence eggs come.

Mr Harold Ramsbotham, President of the Board of Education, said that the 600,000 school children removed from city danger areas to "barnyard" evacuee schools in the country now have greater practical education facilities than they ever had before.

I dare say some folk have conjured up pictures of school-abandoned and children largely left uncared for and running wild," Ramsbotham said. "I am glad to say, however, that such a picture has no relation to the actual position."

He admitted that the task had been a difficult one, but said his department had handled satisfactorily two great migrations of schoolchildren within a year. The first was in September 1939, and the second in September 1940.

Besides the 600,000 children already in evacuee schools, there are another 1,000,000 still in potentially dangerous areas who may have to be removed to the country, he said.

Loss of Facilities

Mr Ramsbotham admitted that education facilities had suffered by the move through loss of facilities for special work in science, handicraft and related subjects.

"On the other hand they have gained all the stimulus of a new environment and new experiences. The introduction of town children to country life has in itself been an education for them," he said.

He praised the courage of the youngsters. "They certainly are giving the lie to the suggestion that the younger generation is soft."

Mr Ramsbotham told of a nine-year-old boy who snuffed out a fire with an old pair of trousers and a boy scout's kit, arms and legs crushed, lying in the wreckage of his home, directing rescuers to other victims in the debris.

Grin and Bear It

"The children seem to have made their motto 'grin and bear it' remarked.

"I believe we shall reap the benefit of a better understanding between town and country as a result of this great movement of child population. Thus we can secure the foundations of a greater social unity."

"Moreover, many children from our cities are showing a great liking for country life and may wish to continue it. I constantly get reports of improved health and alertness due to sound sleep, fresh air, good food and exercise. It is a good life and I believe we have not failed," Mr. Ramsbotham said.

The first was an airmen named Esmond Romilly.

Baby Born On Edge Of Bomb Crater

A WOMAN was about to have a baby in the maternity ward of a Plymouth hospital during a recent raid when heavy bombs crashed on the building. She was flung from her bed. When the dust and smoke had cleared there saw her lying in the debris on the edge of a bomb crater.

Nurses and doctors, some of them injured, ran to her. Though bombs were still raining down and buildings ablaze, they calmly went on attending to the mother.

Ten minutes later the baby was born—and he and his mother are now doing well.

Mothers, babies and nurses were killed in the ward. A direct hit on the children's ward killed a number of little patients.

Heavy bombs fell outside two women's wards and blew in the walls. No one was injured.

Heroic Nurses

All through the raid nurses and doctors worked heroically, dressing and operating on injured patients. "The nurses were magnificent," said the medical superintendent.

War Brings Economic Changes To Europe

By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Italian housewives return empty tin cans much like other nationals leave empty bottles for the milkman; Japanese shipbuilders have abandoned steel in favour of wood; new auto tyres are disappearing in Europe. These and other commercial and industrial quirks were reported recently by the Commerce Department as evidence of economic changes resulting from the war.

In addition to new developments abroad for sidestepping shortages of essential materials, there have been reports of several inventions of military importance.

German scientists were reported to be experimenting with a silent aeroplane engine which would enable bombers to approach enemy objectives at night without detection. Berlin claims were cited, reporting "a certain amount of success has already been achieved" with the silent motors and that such motors were used in the Polish campaign.

It is also claimed that several ships in operation in the North Sea have been successfully equipped with them and that the experiments are being made on both gasoline and Diesel engines," the department said.

New Locomotive

German engineers also were reported to have developed a new electric express locomotive capable of hauling eight cars at speeds well over 100 miles per hour.

Britain has urged housewives to use sodium bicarbonate in cooking flour to conserve sugar supplies.

German production of metallic containers has been sharply curtailed because of military needs. Many commodities now come in glass containers.

A metal shortage in Japan has caused the use of wood instead of iron and steel in building small ships for "near-sea" service. Cost of a wooden Japanese ship was reported as being half the cost of a steel vessel of the same dimensions.

In Italy, according to the Commerce Department, housewives give their grocer empty tin cans for each new one when purchasing canned goods.

Motor Tyres

E. G. Holt, leather and rubber expert for the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, said it was virtually impossible now for a private citizen of European countries to get new automobile tyres. He said reports from abroad told of wholesale stoppage of civilian use of automobiles because of military requirements on rubber and gasoline stocks.

Some new tyres are available in Britain, but motorists are urged to have old tyres retreaded.

The Italian Government has ordered all owners of auto tyres and tubes to report holdings, and has notified the public of the government's right to requisition them for military use at any time. Transfer of privately-owned tyres from one person to another is forbidden.

Ghost Story Stopped During Raid

When George Jenkins, aged seventy-six, gets fastened on to a good ghost story it takes a lot to shake him off.

George, who is very deaf, lived alone in a room behind a Plymouth shop. Every night after black-out, curtains had been drawn he would put on his reading spectacles, draw his armchair up to the oil stove, and read thrillers.

Just as he reached a blood-curdling description of a midnight apparition one night recently, a shadow fell across the page. He started, looked up. Before him were three steel-helmeted men in overalls.

"Come out of it, quick," shouted one of the men.

George was puzzled. "Quick," shouted the men in chorus as they grabbed him by the arms and hustled him outside seconds before the ceiling of his room caved in.

Bewildered

George looked around, bewildered. A building was bursting. Everywhere shops and houses were in ruins.

His own shop front had been shattered.

"A heavy bomb had crashed about forty yards away."

"I thought I felt something shake my chair," said George. "Just when the floor in the haunted castle behind the dungeon door bang."

Secret Drug Will Reduce Operations

A new British drug to arrest bleeding, which is now being tried out, is expected to save thousands of lives and eliminate the necessity for many types of operations.

The new drug is manufactured and demonstrated in tablet form. It is the result of long research by firm of manufacturing chemists.

For some months now it has been tested out secretly at the Royal Samaritan Hospital for Women in Glasgow, and the result of these tests is shortly to be announced to the medical profession.

Successes

Dr John Hewitt, senior surgeon at the hospital, is to embody the result in a paper he is preparing.

Until this paper has been published, the hospital insists on strict secrecy about details of the new method.

It is known, however, that it has proved valuable in many cases.

Necklace Would Not Come Off

Last autumn when Lily Pons arrived in San Francisco for her opera season, she found herself without sufficient jewellery to dress one of her roles.

Finding Paul Flato, the New York jewellers, in town to open a California branch, she appealed to him; and he delivered a \$250,000 necklace on loan for her evening performance.

Arriving back at his hotel at 2 a.m., Mr. Flato found a hastily scribbled note in his box, "Lily cannot from your necklace get out."

He tried to contact her but her phone had been cut off. As he had to leave on the dawn plane for Los Angeles, Mr. Flato's necklace adorned Miss Pons for the next 16 hours.

Late that evening Andre Kostelanetz arrived by air from Hollywood armed with directions from his friend, Mr. Flato, on how to unlock the double clasp.



STRIKE BEATING—Bastards clubs, knives and bricks used in riot scenes at the Ford River Rouge plant, Dearborn, Mich., in battles between CIO strikers and workers, hard hats were employed. Striker and worker mix it up.

ARMY'S WORK IN LONDON RAIDS

How the Army has helped London since heavy air attacks developed was described recently by Lt-Gen. Sir Bertram Sargent-Brooke, G.O.C. London District.

On Oct. 11, within a fortnight of Sir Warren Fisher's appointment as Special Commissioner, a force of pioneers and engineers had been put at his disposal, and in November the force was doubled.

Army transport and heavy plant, such as excavators and cranes, were lent. Soldiers worked alongside civilians fighting fires, in rescue and demolition work and in clearing roads.

Delayed action bombs were dealt with by the military, but it was the Regional Commissioner who decided which were the priority jobs. There were R.E. officers attached to each civil group for guidance.

Permanent liaison was established between London District headquarters and the office of the Regional Commissioner, to which three officers were posted.

Home Guards' Aid

The Home Guard had men every night at divisional and sub-divisional police stations. Since November the local A.R.P. authority could ask for the help of Home Guards if necessary, or appeal to the local Home Guard commander for still more help.

Foot Guards sent out fire-pickets on every raid night. Troops had been at the docks fighting fires. Recruits from the Guards' depot had worked for a fortnight in South London.

It was an order for every military unit that the civil power might apply for their help.

Sir Bertram said it was their boast that no appeal for aid had been refused. In recovering from the raids London owed a lot to the Army.

But the way London had been a great help to him and his forces, and it gave assurance that, whatever may come, London's army have nothing to fear in that regard.

Skill Test For Car Drivers

It is not everyone who can drive the rhumba and it's not everyone who can drive an automobile either, Mayor Li Guardi of New York recently told the state's vehicle examiners.

He was urging them to be careful whom they certified, and expressed the hope that some day a motordriven would be given a period of training just like an air pilot, before taking to the streets.

DEANNA DURBIN'S WEDDING

Deanna Durbin, radiantly lovely in an ivory duchess satin gown, murmured a scarcely audible "I do" when she became the bride of 25-year-old Vaughn Paul in Hollywood on April 18.

Several thousand fans of the golden-voiced movie songstress milled about outside the swank Wilshire Methodist Episcopal Church, while inside 900 guests witnessed Hollywood's first big church wedding in nearly four years.

Nineteen-year-old Deanna obviously was nervous as she walked down the aisle on the arm of her father, James Durbin. Paul, young studio executive, replied "I do" in a clear voice to the Rev. Dr. Willard Martin's "Do you take this woman?"

Secret Honeymoon

After a reception in Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Paul left by automobile for a wedding trip. Their destination was their secret. While she waited for the first notes of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, she cautioned her bridesmaids, "walk slowly—and smile."

Deanna's invitation went only to close friends and to fellow workers—from stars to wardrobe attendants—at her Universal Studio.

Notable Guests

Among name guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyer, Edgar Bergen, Eddie Cantor, Marlene Dietrich, Melvyn Douglas, Kay Francis, Margaret Sullivan, Adolph Menjou, Basil Rathbone and Franchot Tone.

Paul's gift to his bride was a diamond pin. The studio gave them a silver service for 12.

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De Valera's "No" To Conscription

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made and ratified by that nation's Parliament, which removed every other outstanding quarrel and left only partition.

"I was confident that with the good relations which have been established, that partition would also soon disappear. Unfortunately, war came and found us with the foundations of a lasting friendship still incomplete, and with the veneer of partition still ranking in every Irish heart."

Friendly Neutrality
Mr de Valera concluded: "We proclaimed our neutrality. It was a friendly neutrality. We refrained from doing anything that might be regarded as hostile. We pledged ourselves that we would not permit our territory to be used as a base for enemy action against Great Britain. And the forces that we have are our guarantee that we will keep that pledge."

"If the British Government goes ahead with conscription in the six counties, they will undermine the work and goodwill of the past and the people of the two islands will be thrown back again into the old unhappy relations."

Mr Cosgrave

Mr Cosgrave, Leader of the Opposition, said: "It is vital that at this time no question of misunderstanding between us and Great Britain should be allowed to revive an old enmity which everyone in this House fervently hopes has been for ever ended."

Mr Cosgrave added that the present situation was so exceedingly dangerous that if not properly handled, it might involve not merely the future welfare but the very existence of the state.

The unfavourable reactions of conscription were difficult to calculate, but they undoubtedly would be great. He was convinced that the result that might inevitably ensue in other parts of Ireland and elsewhere would far outweigh any advantage to Great Britain.

Taking Best Steps

"We should ask ourselves, however, whether we are taking steps best calculated to ward off conscription from the north and secure a future that would be tolerable either for those in the north or for us."

The Labour Leader, Mr Norton, supported the protest against conscription.

Sir John Maffey, the United Kingdom representative, was in the Distinguished Strangers' Gallery and also Mr E. J. Garland, Acting Canadian High Commissioner.

Protest Meetings

BELFAST, May 26 (Reuter).—Mr J. M. Andrews, the Northern Ireland Prime Minister, who left London on Sunday, is expected to make a statement shortly on the outcome of his talks and this will probably coincide with a statement in Parliament by Mr Churchill.

During the week-end, there were numerous protest meetings in Northern Ireland and to-day the Irish Parliamentary Labour Party sent a telegram to the Labour members of the British Government, saying that there was grave resentment at the threat to impose conscription and that bitterness and strife would be the only result.

They urged the British Labour representatives to use their influence to prevent this "act of aggression."

Passionate Plea By Menzies

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crisis of our history when one turn of the wheel might extinguish us for ever." In a reference to the United States, Mr Menzies said, "I believe we won't look to America in vain. The people are ready to follow Mr Roosevelt but for the next six months we must rely on ourselves. Australia must vastly increase her war production and abandon non-essential production and consumption. I passionately beg you to follow the example of Britain."

Bombing of Britain
Speaking of the bombing of Britain, Mr Menzies said that no account he had ever read of bombing before going to England could possibly do justice to the magnificent people of the Mother Country. The war was producing a new order of chivalry whose knights were found in the back streets and lanes of Britain.

"In these people burns the finest flame of courage the world has ever seen. I returned a burning enthusiast on the subject of what women are doing for Great Britain."

Roosevelt Revising Momentous Speech

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ing him about other Berlin dispatches before Mr Roosevelt talks.

Consulted On Speech
NEW YORK, May 26 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is devoting more time to the preparation of to-morrow night's "fireside talk" than any speech he could recall, Mr Early told reporters.

Among those whom Mr Roosevelt consulted on drafting the speech was Mr Robert Sherwood, the playwright, who assisted with other important pronouncements.

The address which will be broadcast internationally will be translated into probably at least six languages.

Mr Early did not intimate the specific nature of the address nor identify what particular phases of international developments had prompted Mr Early to warn reporters against "building up" the speech.



CATHEDRAL RUINS—This is how St. David's Roman Catholic Cathedral looked in Cardiff, Wales, after Hitler's air raiders had passed over city. High altar is wrecked but Blessed Sacrament was saved.

Britain Ready To-day Is Experts' Verdict

The high officers of all the fighting Services who form, with certain civilian and technical authorities, the Expert Committee on Invasion, have decided, after most exhaustive inquiry, that Britain is ready.

This committee had access to all the information available on German preparations to invade the country. It also had the benefit of watching what could be done by an invasion force composed of part of the British Army acting as "invaders" opposed to another British force acting as defenders.

In this large-scale operation, which took place recently, every known theory of invasion strategy was tried out.

Every known theory of defensive tactics was put into operation against it.

The programme of these operations was most carefully prepared on a progressive scale over a period of months.

As soon as it was drawn up, the whole of the land, sea and air forces in or around Britain started on it. It meant scrapping all their previous training and beginning all over again.

Re-Training

The re-training began last October with the man himself. He was trained as an individual to do everything that could fall to the lot of the soldier until he could do it perfectly.

From section and platoon work in cutting roads, occupying strategic points and making use of natural cover, the training proceeded to companies, battalions, brigades, corps and armies, together with all their motorised and mechanised columns.

That is why the Army could not spare men for all the many jobs connected with air raids, transport of food-for-civilians, and farm work.

It is because this training has now been completed to the satisfaction of the Expert Committee on Invasion that the committee was recently able to report to Mr Churchill, "We are ready."

Politics In Kenya Killing

NAIROBI, May 26 (Reuter).—The trial of Sir Delves Broughton on a charge of murdering Lord Erroll opened to-day before the Chief Justice of Kenya.

Lord Erroll was found shot dead in a car outside Nairobi on January 24. Towards the end of to-day's hearing, a Police witness said that he had found Fascist literature in Lord Erroll's house and card dated 1934, showing membership of the British Fascist Union.

A Ladies' Man

A Police witness said that Lord Erroll was Assistant Military Secretary soon after war broke out, but it was not part of his duty to deal with orders for the internment of Italians.

Witness agreed that Lord Erroll was a successful "ladies' man."

Counsel asked: "Is there anything in this crime which precludes the possibility of its being the work of two or more persons?"

Witness replied "No."

Counsel: One of these might have been a woman?

Witness: Yes.

PROTECTION FOR U.S. SHIPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Colonel Frank Knox, has asked Congress for legislation granting naval commanders authority to take "whatever steps they may deem necessary" in United States territorial waters for the "proper protection of naval forces."

The existing law vests such authority only in the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations.

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An acute shortage of "battle dress," Home Guard, for the use of O.S. 18, giving the War Office one of its biggest headaches.

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Home Guards with "middle age spreads" can now have uniforms "let out" to measure.

Entire Output For Britain

Gracie Fields Does Her Bit
Gracie Fields has raised £338,000 for British war charities during her tour of Canada and the United States, according to a cable to the Sunday Dispatch, from Montreal.

Of the total amount, £300,000 was raised in Canada, the remainder in the United States.

This was one of the steps taken to put the Lease-and-Lend machinery into effect.

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WHITEAWAY'S

RUTHLESS PURSUIT OF BISMARCK AFTER BEING HIT BY TORPEDOES

Experts Warn Against Excessive Optimism Regarding Ship's Fate

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—The Royal Navy's pursuit of the German battleship Bismarck is continuing ruthlessly as torpedo-bombers of the Fleet Air Arm are making desperate efforts to slow down the fleeing capital ship. They have scored at least two hits in the chase that has now been maintained for more than 60 hours.

The laconic Admiralty communique gave no hint whether the torpedo which hit the Bismarck to-night might have been effective in slowing down the warship, which is believed to be steaming at full speed towards the European coast in a frantic effort to escape a considerable force of the British Navy, seeking revenge for the loss of the Hood.

Berlin Admits That Bismarck Is Again Fighting Big Battle

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, May 27 (UP).—The German High Command has issued a special communique which admits that the Bismarck is being engaged a second time in a severe battle.

The communique says that the Bismarck (and it is presumed the Tirpitz and the rest of the Nazi squadron which fought the Hood and other British warships) "has been engaged since 9 o'clock last (Monday) night in a severe battle by superior enemy forces."

This confirms the earlier story received from London to-day in which "Reuter" quoted the "New York Mirror" saying that the Bismarck squadron were engaged in a big battle off Denmark.

New York Report

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The "New York Mirror" reports that a big naval battle is taking place off Denmark between a German squadron and superior British naval forces. It is stated that the German ships include the battle-cruiser Bismarck.

War Weapons Week

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The total amount raised during the London "War Weapons Week" is officially announced as £120,410,000, which is an average per head of the population of £21.

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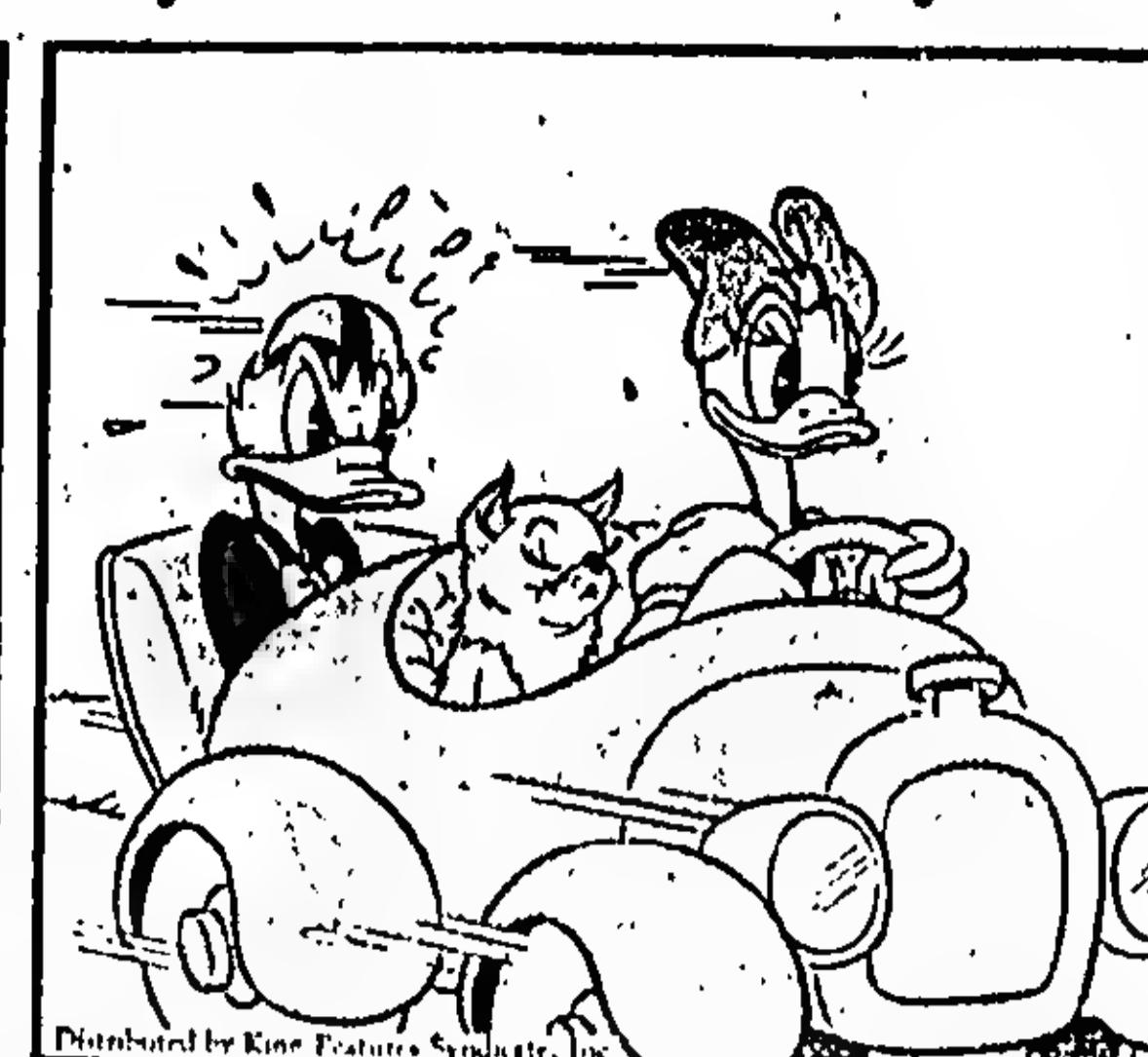
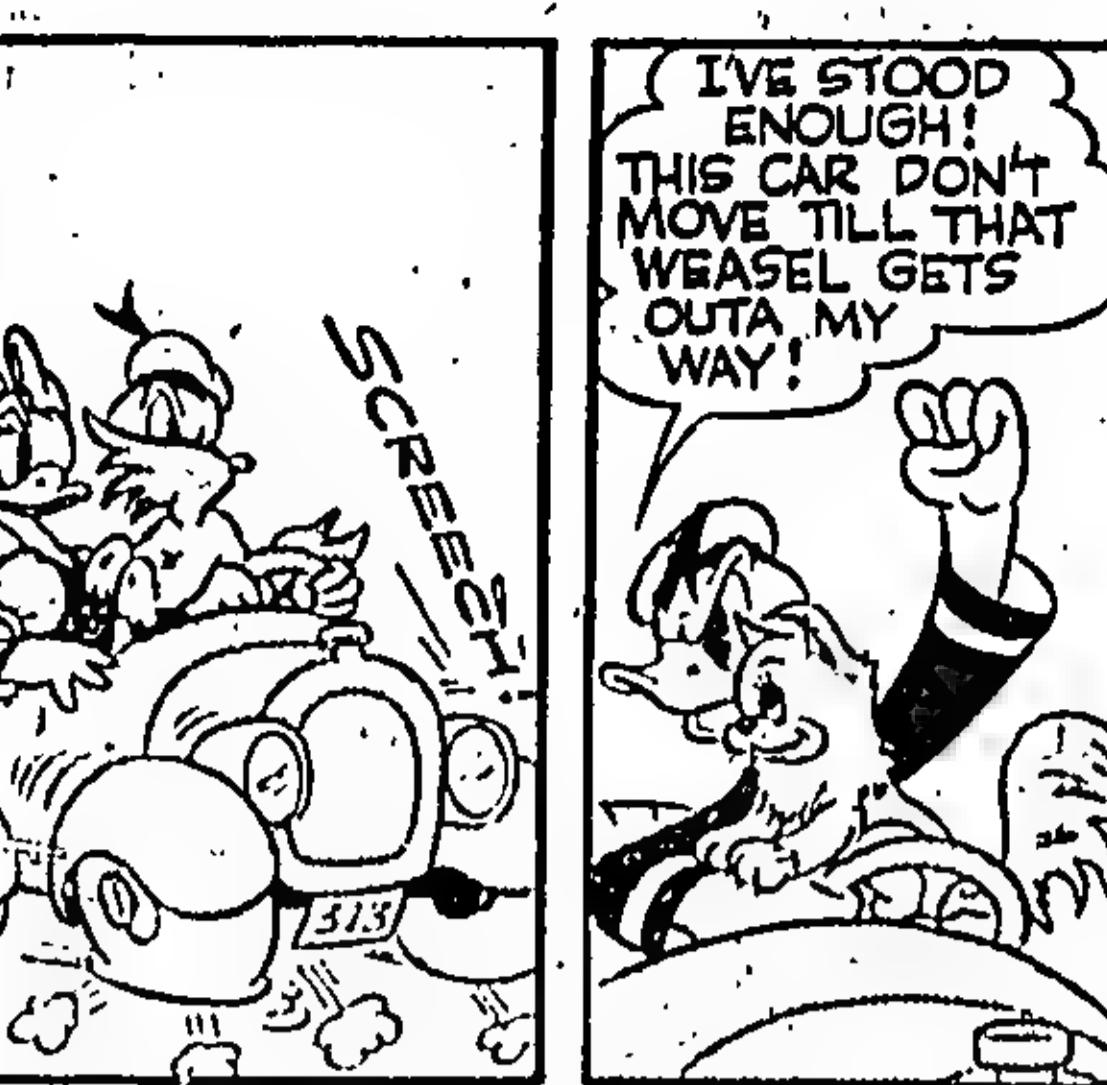
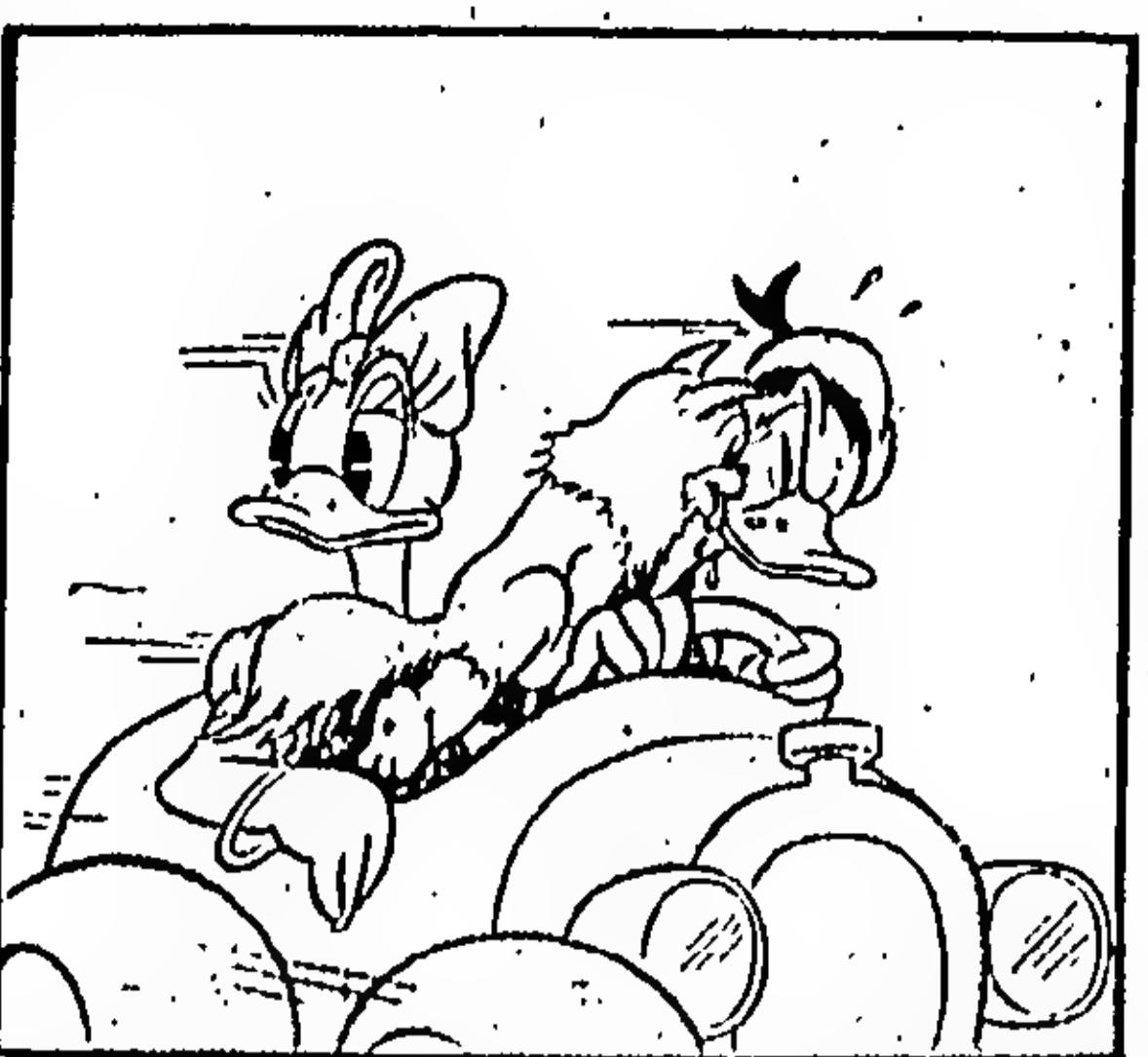
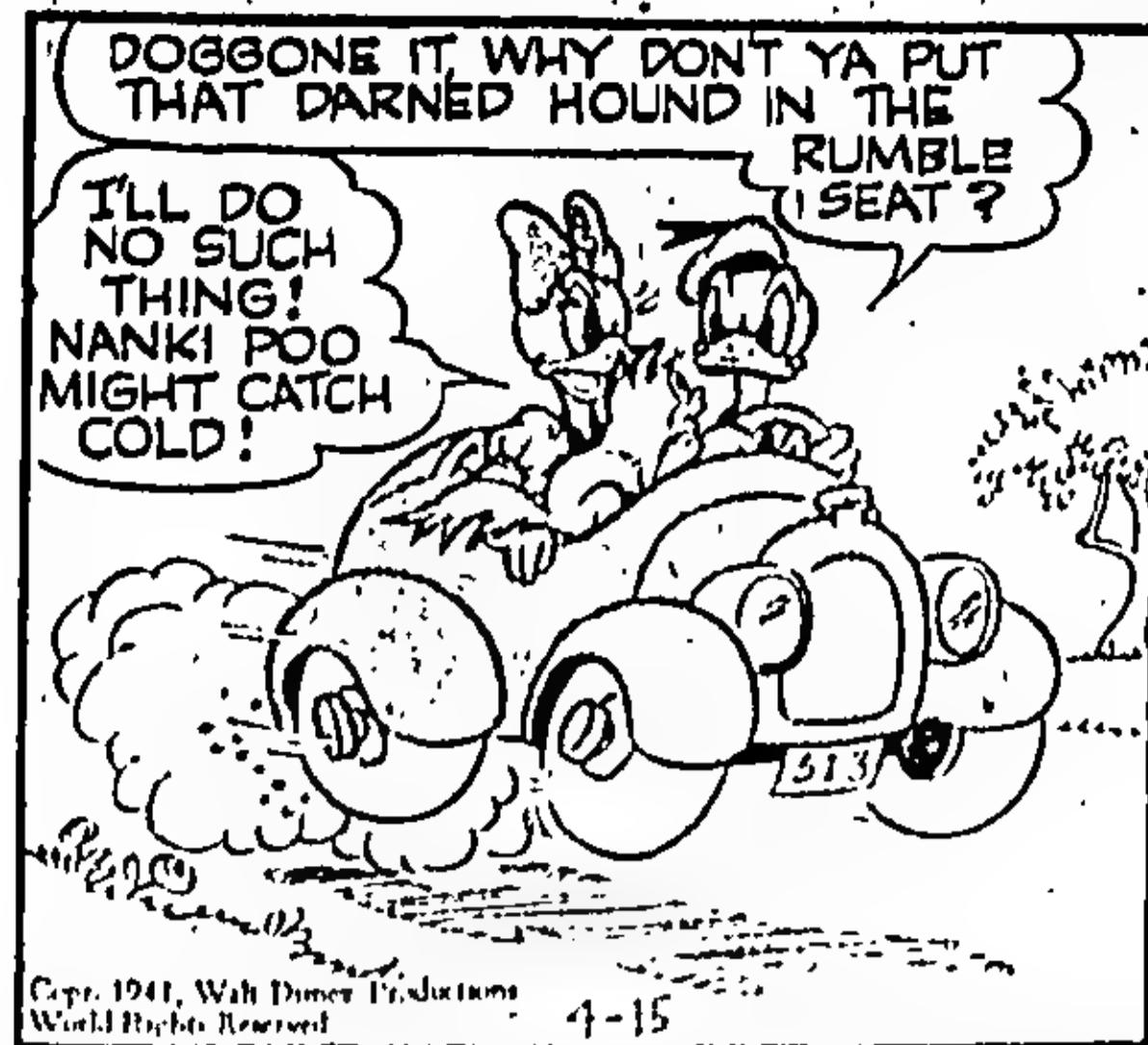
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R. A. F. HITS BACK HARD AT CRETE

Accomplishes Grand Work

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—Renewed intervention of British aircraft in the Crete fighting is revealed in to-day's British R.A.F. communiqué.

"Heavy attacks by bomber and fighter aircraft of the R.A.F. were carried out yesterday and throughout the previous night on enemy positions and aircraft in Crete, particularly successful results being obtained."

"At least 24 enemy aircraft of all types were destroyed and a number of others were badly damaged."

"The aerodrome at Melend and adjacent fields, which were being used as landing grounds for gliders and troop-carriers, were the principal targets. Bombs fell amongst large concentrations of Ju-52 troop-carriers, causing great destruction and damage. One troop-carrier was hit while landing. Another was set on fire while taxiing."

"Fighters set fire to several other enemy aircraft. One transport carrier was shot down into Suda Bay."

"Photographs taken during the raids confirm that severe damage has been done to enemy aircraft."

Latest Communiqué

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—"The Crete situation is much the same with very severe fighting in the Maleme area, where the Germans have landed more men in the last 24 hours."

"It is very difficult to see how it is developing. It is difficult to say how the landing compare with the previous two days, but the enemy has undoubtedly suffered very severe losses of aircraft, while others will soon need overhauling."

"The tide of battle still sways to and fro in the area between Gemi and Maleme and around Maleme."

"In these words well-informed military circles summed up the latest Crete position."

LIFE IN TOBRUK

Beer Store Hit By A Bomb

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—An interesting picture of life in Tobruk is given by one who recently returned from that besieged fortress.

He says that despite frequent bombings there are many habitable buildings there. Only troops and no civilians are to be seen. There is plenty of food and beer and the troops enjoy swimming.

The most dangerous spots are at the edge of the perimeter and in Tobruk itself where the Germans come bombing and machine-gunning at lunch times and in the evenings.

Vehicles and planes are widely scattered to avoid bombing but they are little molested.

"There was a tragic moment when a beer store was hit by a bomb but not much damage was done and there were scores of willing volunteers for salvage work."

ABYSSINIA

Strafing The Enemy

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—Referring to Abyssinia, an R.A.F. communiqué states that aircraft of the South African Air Force attacked enemy defences and motor transport in the neighbourhood of the Omo River.

Direct hits were obtained on bridges and ferries and a number of transport vehicles were destroyed.

Rounding Up Prisoners

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—The steady round-up of prisoners continues in Southern Abyssinia, where it looks as if the Jimma concentration is in for an unpleasant time.

The weather is very bad with heavy rains.

There is still plenty of room for the remaining Italians to manoeuvre but it is doubtful how far they will put up a fight since the original force of 30,000 to 40,000 men a few weeks ago has been steadily melting through desertions and surrenders.

International Tea Committee

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The International Tea Committee have raised the tea quota for the current period of regulation—from 90 to 95 per cent, with a view to alleviating the position of the eastern markets, where the Committee think the prices have risen extravagantly.

Malaya A Guarantee Of Peace

LONDON, May 26 (Reuter).—The High Command of the British Imperial forces look upon the Malayan garrison as the best insurance of peace in the Far East, declared Major-General A. E. Percival, General Officer Commanding, Malaya, in an interview to-day.

General Percival disclosed that the garrison stretches from the northern frontier of Malaya to Borneo and explained that the aerodromes which extended to the frontiers of China must be protected by land forces.

The past policy, he added, of having a large number of aerodromes had proved a wise one. This further increased the manifold difficulties of establishing hostile air superiority which, in any case, was difficult of achievement owing to the distances involved.

More Contracts Signed

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The Maritime Commission to-day announced that contracts have been signed for the construction of 123 more new merchant ships to cost \$312,000,000.

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WAR FUND SCMP



Present Food Situation In Europe is Analysed

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The Department of Agriculture announced to-day that despite shortages in some essential commodities, food supplies in continental Europe were sufficient to maintain the current rationing systems and to prevent serious distress.

Regarding Germany, the announcement stated: "The food problem is not likely in the near future to become critical." War has not yet interfered with agricultural production, due to vast reserves which were accumulated before the war, and also as a result of requisitioning from conquered countries.

The situation in Italy is less favourable because of the army demands and because reserves are less.

De Valera's "No" To Conscription

Special to the "Telegraph"

DUBLIN, May 26 (UP).—In a statement before the Dail, the Premier, Mr Eamon de Valera repudiated the right of Britain to impose conscription on North Ireland. He emphasised that Ireland had pledged itself years before the war began that it would not permit its territory to be used as a base for any enemy attack on Britain. The forces of Ireland are organised to maintain neutrality and are a guarantee that Ireland means to keep her pledge.

He declared that he had called the Dail together in order to make clear representations, not to appear to come from one man or Government or from any party or state, but from all parties of the entire Irish people.

Mr De Valera said that there could be no more grievous attack on the fundamentals of human rights than by forcing an individual to fight for a country to which he objected belonging to.

He recalled that he had already once opposed conscription before the war when the proposal to include Ulster was made. Onlookers in the Dail included Sir John Maffey, the United Kingdom representative to the Distinguished Strangers' Gallery and also Mr E. J. Garland, Acting Canadian High Commissioner.

Protest Meetings

BELFAST, May 26 (Reuter).—Mr J. M. Andrews, the Northern Ireland Prime Minister, who left London on Sunday, is expected to make a statement shortly on the outcome of his talks and this will probably coincide with a statement in Parliament by Mr Churchill.

During the week-end, there were numerous protest meetings in Northern Ireland and to-day the Irish Parliamentary Labour Party sent a telegram to the Labour members of the British Government, saying that there was grave resentment at the threat to impose conscription, and that bitterness and strife would be the only result.

They urged the British Labour representatives to use their influence to prevent this "act of aggression."

Politics In Kenya Killing

NAIROBI, May 26 (Reuter).—The trial of Sir Delves Broughton on a charge of murdering Lord Erroll opened to-day before the Chief Justice of Kenya.

Lord Erroll was found shot dead in a car outside Nairobi on January 24. Towards the end of to-day's hearing, a Police witness said that he had found Fascist literature in Lord Erroll's house and a card dated 1934, showing membership of the British Fascist Union.

Mr Cosgrave

Mr Cosgrave, Leader of the Opposition, said: "It is vital that at this time no question of misunderstanding between us and Great Britain should be allowed to revive an old enmity which everyone in this House fervently hopes has been forever ended."

Mr Cosgrave added that the present situation was so exceedingly dangerous that if not properly handled, it might involve not merely the future welfare but the very existence of the state.

British Press Slowly Forward In Iraq

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—A British R.A.F. communiqué reports activity in Iraq. It states: "A large number of sorties were made yesterday against military objectives in Ramadi and several fires were started."

"The aerodrome at Mosul was bombed and a number of aircraft which were machine-gunned on the ground were severely damaged."

"At Baquba, German aircraft on the ground were bombed and machine-gunned, two being set on fire."

"Enemy aircraft attacked the R.A.F. aerodrome at Habbaniyah, but there were no service casualties."

French Leave Palestine

CAIRO, May 26 (Reuter).—French Consular officers in Palestine have been requested to leave by May 28. Reuter learnt in authoritative quarters in London.

The orders, understood to be taken by the British authorities in consequence of French action requiring British Consular officers in Syria

Johnson Denies

Chungking Split

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HONOLULU, May 26 (UP).—The ex-Ambassador to China, Mr Nelson Johnson, who is en route to Washington prior to assuming his new duties as Minister to Australia, is scheduled to leave by Clipper at 2.30 p.m.

He declared that he has absolute faith in China, and he branded reports in American magazines of a civil war between the Eighth Route Army and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces as pure falsehoods.

He highly praised the Chinese Government for its remarkable endurance through four years of war, and expressed his opinion that China will eventually win.

He declared that the Russo-Japanese pact would not affect Russian aid to China, at least visibly. The Chinese have great faith in President Roosevelt as a leader of the democracies.

Mr Johnson will confer with Lieutenant-General Walter C. Short, Commander of the Hawaiian Department, this morning.

Battleships Of Britain And Axis

LONDON, May 26 (British Wireless).—While the loss of the Hood must not be minimised, the British Navy has 15 capital ships against the nominal role of 12 available to the Axis fleets.

But of the Axis 12, only eight are now effective, Italy having lost her two 35,000-ton Littorio Class battleships, one at Taranto and the other severely damaged at Matapan. Of her Cavour Class, only two are available at the present time, one having foundered at Taranto and one being damaged.

Of Germany's six capital ships (two of them being the pocket battleships, Lutzow and Admiral Scheer), the Grille and Scharnhorst are still in Brest, where they have received considerable attention from the R.A.F.

Of the British battleships, the oldest is the Revenge, completed in 1915, and the newest is Prince of Wales, commissioned in 1941.

China Week Campaign

Wu Teh-chen's Thanks

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, May 26 (UP).—The Secretary-General of the Kuomintang, General Wu Teh-chen, in a radio speech to America at 9.30 p.m. to-night, expressed thanks for America's China Week campaign, saying: "I need not tell you how much we Chinese appreciate the encouragement and sympathy which the American people, under the brilliant leadership of President Roosevelt, have given us from the very start of our struggle."

"Indeed, every bit of moral encouragement you have given us has strengthened our will to victory; every cent the American people have contributed toward our cause has served to bring that victory one step nearer."

The United States on many historical occasions has been called upon to defend the cause of liberty, justice and freedom. To-day, it is only natural that we should look towards America when that very cause is once again threatened."

NEWFOUNDLAND CONGRATULATED ON WAR EFFORT

LONDON, May 26 (British Wireless).—Newfoundland, which begins its recruiting week to-day, has received the following message from Mr Winston Churchill:

"The people of Newfoundland, with their long history of hardships surmounted and their profound attachment to the island on which their ancestors founded the oldest British overseas territories, have already made a magnificent contribution to the war."

"The task of oppression and the deadly threat to our civilisation calls for the utmost endeavour from us all and I am glad to learn that still greater efforts are being made in Newfoundland. I wish them every success."

"With this spirit, we shall not fail to achieve the final victory of right and freedom on which our hearts are set."

PROTECTION FOR U.S. SHIPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Colonel Frank Knox, has asked Congress for legislation granting naval commanders authority to take "whatever steps they may deem necessary" in United States territorial waters for the "proper protection of naval forces."

The existing law vests such authority only in the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations.

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Tracing Origin Of Baseball

Persians Had A Word For It!

1000-Year-Old "Diamond" Discovered In Arizona

(By "Ball Fan")

Ever since that eventful day when Abner Doubleday, the Ballston Spa N.Y. Civil War hero, set up the first schemes for playing baseball at Cooperstown in 1839, malcontents as well as disgruntled archaeologists, who delight in technicalities and anachronisms, have opened up with a series of "who discovered the game," arguments, to the extreme merriment of modern baseball's fun-loving throngs who sure get a great kick out of hearing these "back to the ancient movement" scientists and others attempting to justify their minute-laden claims.

We are informed that baseball was the national spot of the Persians a good sized con back. They didn't call it baseball but it was commonly known as Chahel-toop, (chahel means game, toop means ball). The Persians' claims of priority were pressed by Prince Amir Hessian Sephr Ghaffari who was called "Butch" by his schoolmates in America.

"BUTCH" never saw a modern baseball game until he landed in Uncle Sam's democratic land of opportunity, but came to the conclusion, after taking in his first tilt, that the diamond game was similar in many phases, to, his beloved Chahel-toop.

In the Persian pastime, the bases are also ninety feet apart with nine players on each side. The ball is made of wool-thread wrapped tightly around a rubber centre and covered with a knitted fabric. Thus far the comparison appears to be favourable to the Persian noblemen's argument. Even the Chahel-toop bat, a short paddle-like contrivance, can be compared to the bludgeons of baseball's early days. The ball is flipped underhand in the manner of baseball's dawning era.

However the chief difference lies with the Chahel-toop hurler whose aim it is, to toss the ball high up into the air with the batter swinging as the pellet descends. Certainly no resemblance there to Doubleday's fireball tosses from the slab. To top everything, Persian Chahel-toop requires no umbrella.

ARIZONA archaeologists insist they have discovered not only baseballs but also playing surfaces on various bits of paraphernalia which were supposed to have been utilized by the aborigines for a game resembling baseball at least a thousand years ago.

These "ancient" discoverers reveal that the first "stone-age" ball field—they identified—was situated near the Gila Pueblo at Skaketown on the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona, in 1935. They found a

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 31st May, and MONDAY, 2nd June, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday and at 11.30 a.m. on Monday.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the first day and at 11.00 a.m. on the second day.

The fifth interval will be after the fourth race on the second day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m. on Saturday, and at 9.45 a.m. on Monday.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or infants will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day.

including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1941.

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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

"Queen's Messengers" Are Food Convoys For Blitz Sufferers

The Queen recently inspected in the courtyard of Buckingham Palace the first two convoys of a fleet of vehicles which will take provisions to bombed areas. Eight vehicles of these "flying squads" which she inspected were her personal gift, and the other ten were given by the British War Relief Society of America.

The Queen acceded to the suggestion of Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, that the convoys should be called "The Queen's Messengers."

"It is a great pleasure to me to inaugurate the mission of good will which this service of food convoys represents," her Majesty said. "They will serve, I trust, as a symbol of that fellowship which unites all of us who share a common danger to-day."

"I am glad to think that they should be called 'The Queen's Messengers' and that they should go forth on their various ways bearing my name."

Instant Relief

"It is my hope that they will have a double value—they will not only provide what is sorely needed, but they will do what is not less vital, they will bring it on the instant and will bridge the gap between destruction and swift reorganisation."

"The convoys which I have seen this morning form part only of a much larger fleet, and many of these have been provided by the generosity of the British War Relief Society of America."

"By coming forward to supplement the scale of the venture as it was first planned our friends in the United States of America have immensely enlarged its usefulness, and to those kind people who have made our cause their own I would express a very real gratitude."

"The message which I would entrust to these convoys will not be one of encouragement, for courage is never lacking to the people of this country. It will rather be one of true sympathy and of loving kindness. It is with that message that I wish them Godspeed as they set out on their pilgrimage to-day."

W.V.S. Crews

The Queen afterwards talked to members of the Women's Voluntary Service who formed the crews.

Within a month—16 convoys were put in service.

A convoy includes a water carrier, two kitchen lorries capable of providing 2,000 meals an hour, two food store lorries carrying sufficient tea, bread, sugar, margarine and soup to provide meals for 4,500 people, and three mobile canteens holding enough to feed 500 people.

The convoys will cost about £80,000.

TO-MORROW AT THE KING'S IT'S SCREAMED!

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Britain's Children Learn Country Life

By WILLIAM R. DOWNS.

United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, May 26 (UP).—"Dead End" kids from the city to-day are learning to milk cows, and beribboned little girls from Bristol, London and Manchester are finding out from whence eggs come.

Mr Harold Ramsbotham, President of the Board of Education, said that the 600,000 school children removed from city danger areas to "barnyard" evacuee schools in the country now have greater practical education facilities than they ever had before.

"I dare say some folk have conjured up pictures of school-going abandoned and children largely left uncared for and running wild," Ramsbotham said. "I am glad to say, however, that such a picture has no relation to the actual position."

He admitted that the task had been a difficult one, but said his department had handled satisfactorily two great migrations of schoolchildren within a year: The first was in September 1939, and the second in September 1940.

Besides the 600,000 children already in evacuee schools, there are another 1,000,000 still in potentially dangerous areas who may have to be removed to the country, he said.

Loss of Facilities

Mr Ramsbotham admitted that education facilities had suffered by the move through loss of facilities for special work in science, handicraft and related subjects.

"On the other hand they have gained all the stimulus of a new environment and new experiences. The introduction of town children to country life has in itself been an education for them," he said.

He praised the courage of the youngsters. "They certainly are giving the lie to the suggestion that the younger generation is soft."

Mr Ramsbotham told of a nine-year-old boy who snuffed out a fire with an old pair of trousers and of a boy scout, his arms and legs crushed, lying in the wreckage of his home, directing rescuers to other victims in the debris.

Grin and Bear It

The children seem to have made their motto "grin and bear it," he remarked.

"I believe we shall reap the benefit of a better understanding between town and country as a result of this great movement of child population. Thus we can secure the foundations of a greater social unity."

"Moreover, many children from our cities are showing a great liking for country life and may wish to continue it. I constantly get reports of improved health and alertness due to sound sleep, fresh air, good food, and exercise. It is a good life and I believe we have not failed," Mr Ramsbotham said.

The first was an aircraftman named Esmond Romilly.

Baby Born On Edge Of Bomb Crater

A WOMAN was about to have a baby in the maternity ward of a Plymouth hospital during a recent raid when heavy bombs crashed on the building. She was flung from her bed. When the dust and smoke had cleared they saw her lying in the debris on the edge of a bomb crater.

Nurses and doctors, some of them injured, ran to her. Though bombs were still raining down and buildings ablaze, they calmly went on attending to the mother.

Ten minutes later the baby was born—and he and his mother are now doing well.

Mothers, babies and nurses were killed in the ward. A direct hit on the children's ward killed a number of little patients.

Heavy bombs fell outside two women's wards and blew in the walls. No one was injured.

Heroic Nurses

All through the raid nurses and doctors worked heroically dressing and operating on injured patients.

The nurses were magnificent, said the medical superintendent.

When George Jenkins, aged seventy-six, gets fastened to a good ghost story it takes a lot to shake him off.

George, who is very deaf, lived alone in a room behind a Plymouth shop. Every night after black-out curtains had been drawn he would put on his reading spectacles, draw his armchair up to the oil stove, and read thrillers.

Just as he reached a blood-curdling description of a midnight apparition one night recently, a shadow fell across that page. He started, looked up. Before him were three steel-helmeted men in overalls.

"Come out of it, quick," shouted one of the men.

George was puzzled. "Quick," shouted the men in chorus as they grabbed him by the arms and hustled him outside seconds before the ceiling of his room caved in.

Beviled Long

George looked around, bewildered. A building was burning. Everywhere shops and houses were in ruins.

His own shop front had been shattered.

A heavy bomb had crashed about forty yards away.

"I thought I felt something shake my chair," said George. "Just when the fellow in the haunted castle heard the dungeon door bang."

War Brings Economic Changes To Europe

By MERRIMAN SMITH

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Italian housewives return empty tin cans much like other nationals leave empty bottles for the milkman; Japanese shipbuilders have abandoned steel in favour of wood; new auto tyres are disappearing in Europe. These and other commercial and industrial quirks were reported recently by the Commerce Department as evidence of economic changes resulting from the war.

In addition to new developments abroad for sidestepping shortages of essential materials, there have been reports of several inventions of military importance.

German scientists were reported to be experimenting with a silent airplane engine which would enable bombers to approach enemy objectives at night without detection. Berlin claims were cited, reporting "certain amount of success has already been achieved" with the silent motors and that such motors were used in the Polish campaign.

"It is also claimed that several ships in operation in the North Sea have been successfully equipped with them and that the experiments are being made on both gasoline and Diesel engines," the department said.

New Locomotive

German engineers also were reported to have developed a new electric express locomotive capable of hauling eight cars at speeds well over 100 miles per hour.

Britain has urged housewives to use sodium bicarbonate in cooking fruit to conserve sugar supplies.

German production of metallic containers has been sharply curtailed because of military needs. Many commodities now come in glass containers.

A metal shortage in Japan has caused the use of wood instead of iron and steel in building small ships for "near-sea" service. Cost of a wooden Japanese ship was reported as being half the cost of a steel vessel of the same dimensions.

In Italy, according to the Commerce Department, housewives give their grocer empty tin cans for each new one when purchasing canned goods.

Motor Tyres

The nice people were shocked again in 1936, when Esmond went to Spain to fight Franco, who had many appeaser friends in high London circles then.

Famous Chase

After that young Esmond dared to fall in love with Jessica Freeman Mitford, daughter of Lord Redesdale and sister of Hitler's friend Unity.

There was that famous chase through France and Spain by relatives in an endeavour to stop the marriage.

In 1938 Mr and Mrs Romilly lived in London in a furnished bed-sitting room. Then they emigrated to the United States third class.

A year ago young Esmond was working in a Miami bar. He and Jessica had motored there in a dilapidated car.

The other day, in a huge Malton Air Force training school near Toronto every man was asked to vote on which pupils would make the best officers. They selected three men.

The first was an aircraftman named Esmond Romilly.

Some new tyres are available in Britain, but motorists are urged to have old tyres retreaded.

The Italian Government has ordered all owners of auto tyres and tubes to report holdings, and has notified the public of the government's right to requisition them for military use at any time. Transfer of privately-owned tyres from one person to another is forbidden.

Arriving

Arriving back at his hotel at 2 a.m., Mr Flato found a hastily scribbled note in his box, "Lily cannot from your necklace get out."

He tried to contact her, but her phone had been cut off. As he had to leave on the dawn plane for Los Angeles, Mr Flato's necklace adorned Miss Pons for the next 16 hours.

Late that evening Andre Kostelanetz arrived by air from Hollywood armed with directions from his friend, Mr Flato, on how to unlock the double clasp.

Attack

When George Jenkins, aged seventy-six, gets fastened to a good ghost story it takes a lot to shake him off.

George, who is very deaf, lived alone in a room behind a Plymouth shop. Every night after black-out curtains had been drawn he would put on his reading spectacles, draw his armchair up to the oil stove, and read thrillers.

Just as he reached a blood-curdling description of a midnight apparition one night recently, a shadow fell across that page. He started, looked up. Before him were three steel-helmeted men in overalls.

"Come out of it, quick," shouted one of the men.

George was puzzled. "Quick," shouted the men in chorus as they grabbed him by the arms and hustled him outside seconds before the ceiling of his room caved in.

Beviled Long

George looked around, bewildered. A building was burning. Everywhere shops and houses were in ruins.

His own shop front had been shattered.

A heavy bomb had crashed about forty yards away.

"I thought I felt something shake my chair," said George. "Just when the fellow in the haunted castle heard the dungeon door bang."

Necklace Would Not Come Off

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Nazis Admit Complicity In Iraq

LONDON, May 27 (Reuters).—German officials in Ankara admit that Raschid Ali upset their time-table when he decided to fight the British at the beginning of May, according to the Columbia radio commentary broadcast from Ankara early to-day.

The commentator stated that German spokesman told him that trouble in Iraq was not expected to develop until the Germans had taken Crete and Cyprus.

The Germans, however, do not feel that all is lost but suggest that Raschid Ali may upgrade at Mosul and concentrate on guerrilla warfare to prevent the British massing troops on the eastern Syrian frontier.

Arab Army In Syria

The commentator declared that the Arab army organised by German agents in Syria was expected to play a major role.

The whole German aim is to keep the British out of Mosul and the oil lands until the Germans have established themselves firmly in Syria.

The commentator added that Turkey has decided to pay interest in principal on her millions debt to Czechoslovakia, that is to the Skoda Works, which are in German hands.

Trade Follows Nippon Army

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOkyo, May 26 (Downe)—Japanese department stores will be opened in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, and Harrods or Saks in French Indo-China, according to a plan discussed at the annual meeting of the Japan Department Stores Association held in Tokyo to-day.

In addition to department stores, the Association also discussed plans for opening "wholesale stores" in Thailand and French Indo-China for the benefit of both native and Japanese retailers in those countries. The Mitsukoshi, the Shirokiya and other big department stores will send their representatives to Thailand and French Indo-China as well as other South Sea countries to inquire into the possibilities of opening new markets for Japanese goods.

America To Safe-Guard Battleships

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vessel and therefore, the plans for the new United States cruisers were drawn to correct these flaws.

They drew attention to the Battle of Jutland in which it was learned that battle-cruisers, when they sacrifice armour for speed and heavy guns, invite destruction when they engage heavily armoured battleships carrying equal armament. The 21 year-old Hood was no match for the two-year-old Bismarck which is believed to be able to fire heavy delayed action shells with her long range guns.

Full Protection

Naval authorities declared that the new ships for the United States navy are still in process of drafting; however, they would be fully protected—against a direct hit in the magazine, which was the doom of the Hood. Observers said that the United States has always insisted that the great need for shipbuilders and designers was to provide the utmost protection for the vital, vulnerable parts—magazines, gun turrets and conning towers—and therefore the U.S. probably leads the world in that field.

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Passionate Plea By Menzies

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I passionately beg you to follow the example of Britain."

Bombing of Britain

Speaking of the bombing of Britain, Mr Menzies said that no account he had ever read of bombing before going to England could possibly do justice to the magnificent people of the Mother Country. The war was producing a new order of chivalry whose knights were found in the back streets and lanes of Britain.

"In those people burns the finest flame of courage the world has ever seen. I returned a burning enthusiast on the subject of what women are doing for Great Britain."

They Sent The Dean 100 Fakes

The Very Rev. Edgar Rogers, Dean of Bocking, Essex, has the love of old coins in his blood—an ancestor of his was a Master of the Mint in Queen Elizabeth's reign.

Fifteen months ago, the dean went to a meeting of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St John Fund. "Why not raise money by asking people to give their old coins?" he suggested.

More than a million coins and medals—three tons of them, filling 120 mallbags—have been the answer.

When his appeal was made coins began to roll into the denitory.

Found Gold

A sorting depot was opened in London, and the denitory went up to town every few days, took off his coat and sorted hundredweight after hundredweight of dusty coins.

He has detected 100 clever forgers of ancient coins. A parcel of Sunday-school medals, worthless except as scrap, contained a valuable Spanish gold coin.

A rare Persian gold coin was concealed in a parcel of Belgian centimes worth only a few pence.

The gems of the collection were to be sold under the hammer at Sotheby's.

Washington Tensely Awaits Big Speech

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to Britain and China including war if necessary? That is what every diplomat here is anxiously asking."

What Willie Wants

NEW YORK, May 26 (UP)—Mr Wendell Willkie to-day urged that President Roosevelt in his fireside chat on Tuesday night serve notice on totalitarian rulers everywhere that America intends to help halt the aggressor Powers and totalitarians.

Referring to the sinking of the Hood during his speech at the termination of the parade climaxing the United China Relief Campaign, Mr Willkie stated: "I doubt if any American citizen to-day, after reading the news of what happened yesterday, can doubt that America is facing the greatest crisis in all its history."

Chased From A Tram Student Lost Money

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Captain Not Present

Mr E. Cox-Walker, Preventive Officer for Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Company, Ltd, said that the anti-sabotage watchman on the ship had been told to examine any suspicious parcel coming on board. The Captain was not present as the ship had since been shifted to a buoy in the harbour.

In adjourning the case, Cmdr Jolly said that he would like to hear what the Captain had to say on the matter. Defendants are on bail of \$25 each.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$71

H.K. Fire Ins. \$170

Indo-China (Pref.) \$90

Docks \$14.80

Hotels \$2.85

Lands \$31

Realities \$2.70

Trams \$15.75

Lights "O" \$5.70

Lights "N" \$1.20

Macao Electrics \$18.70

Cements \$13.35

Ropes \$6.70

Entertainments \$0.25

Ropes \$7

Sales

H.K. Banks \$1,310/12½

Providents \$5.00

Electrics "O" Rts \$21.50

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The Admiral asserted that the Japanese Navy, owing to the existing unprecedentedly serious international situation, was "strengthening more thoroughly the means for an armed solution of the China affair, while on the other hand it was engaged in training day and night in order to respond to the call for any emergency. We must remind ourselves that one can only depend on our own Power."

Japan's